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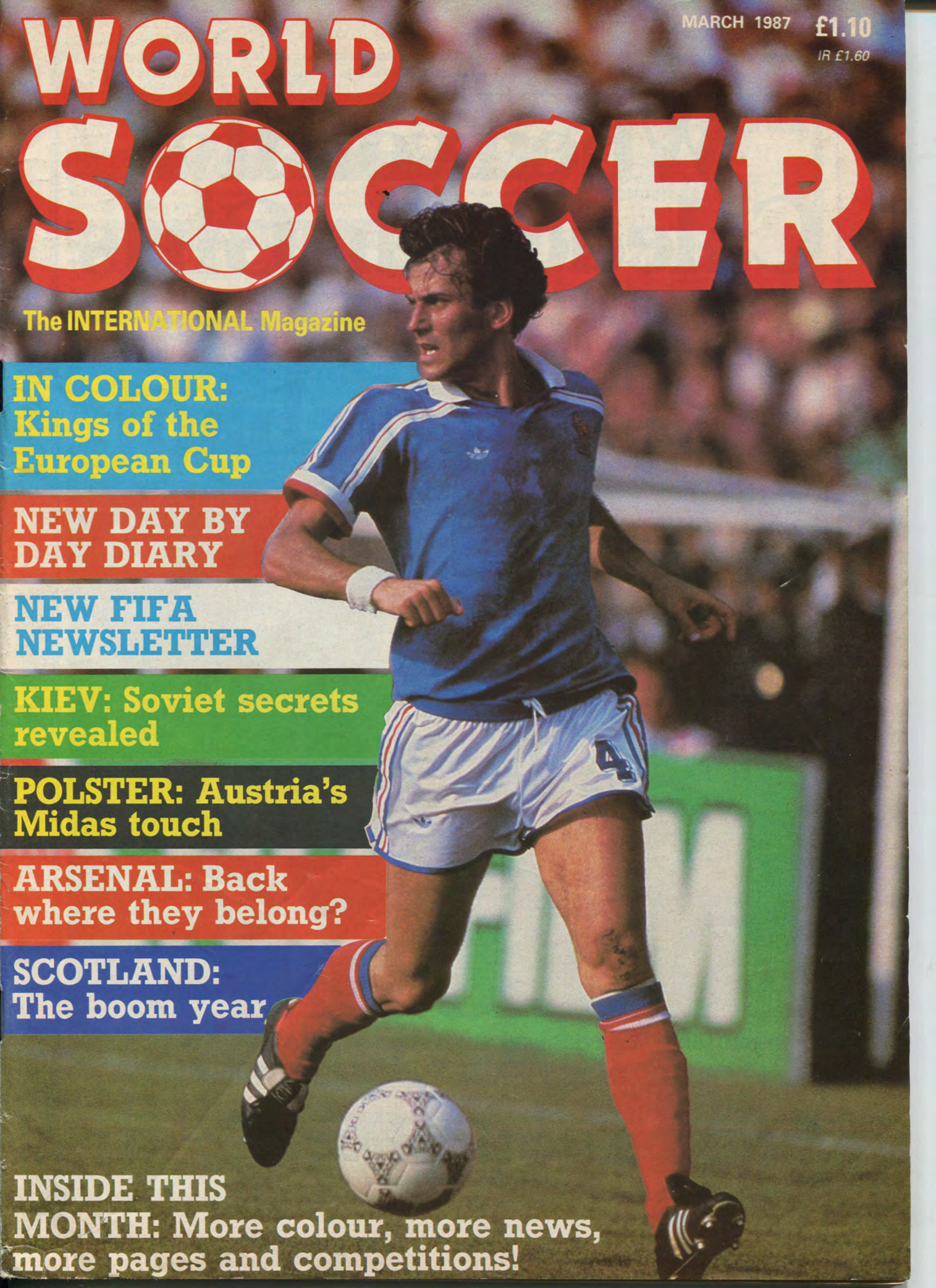

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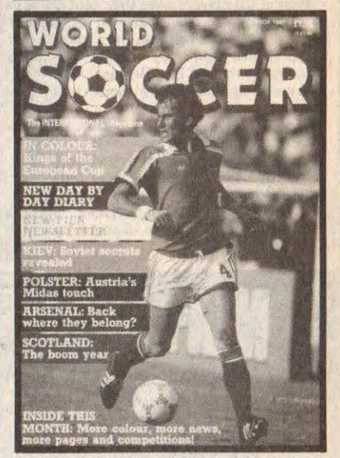

COVER PICTURE: Patrick Battiston of Bordeaux is just one of the key players who feature in the quarter-finals of the European club competitions this month. Battiston, at the heart of the French defence at the last two World Cups, plays for Bordeaux, who face Torpedo Moscow in the Cup-winners' Cup. Torpedo coach Valentin Ivanov is confident that Bordeaux are in for a rough ride. He says: "I saw Bordeaux struggle against Dnepr in the Champions' Cup a couple of years back and I don't think they have changed that much since then in either personnel or attitude."

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WORLD SOCCER SPECIAL

ARE 'TOO T KIEV BURN

KIEV DYNAMO, apparently on the threshold of becoming one of the all-time greats of European club football, are in imminent danger of burning themselves out, instead.

Doubling up as the Soviet national team, they face a schedule reminiscent of that of their overworked predecessors of the mid-1970s.

The players then grew stale and sick of football and never truly fulfilled their enormous potential.

This same fate could befall the current Kiev team.

Towards the end of last season — which, in an unprecedented move, had been extended into December so Kiev could complete their punishing programme — Valeri Lobanovsky said: "We are tired of football."

The significance of this remark was that it came from the man best qualified to know — and to worry about the consequences. For Lobanovsky is not only the coach of Kiev, he doubles up too with the national team.

For all that, just a couple of weeks after Kiev had won their final match against title challengers Moscow Dynamo and thus retained the league crown, they were off on a grand tour of Europe, running around in silly indoor tournaments in Munich and Lucerne.

Most of the players were then sent direct on to Italy, putting on their national team caps on the way, for a training camp and a friendly with Roma (which they duly won, despite being without the injured Igor Belanov, thanks to a lone goal from Vadim Yevtushenko in the 72nd minute).

Then it was back to the Ukraine for pre-season training at the resort of Gantiadi. Here again they played several friendlies as Kiev before the schizophrenic fixture list turned them back into the national team for the friendly against Wales in Swansea.

At midnight Cinderella changed back into Kiev to get ready for the European supercup tie against Steaua Bucharest in Monaco.

After this a holiday? Certainly not.

On March 4 Kiev are jetting away again, this time to play Besiktas of Istanbul in the first leg of the Champions' Cup quarter-finals. Belanov, Blokhin and Co should have had the benefit of home preparation for this first leg. After all, Kiev were drawn first out of the hat.

But the Turks were frightened that they would suffer the sort of defeat in the Soviet Union which would deter any of their fans from paying out to see the return.

So they asked Kiev to switch and Kiev kindly agreed, though one assumes that somehwere along the line the Kiev management, and maybe the Soviet federation too, have found this a worthwhile manoeuvre.

But it is, in the end, really the players who pay. The players who will barely have returned from Instanbul before they fly off again, this time to Soviet Georgia, to play against promoted Guria Lanchkhuti on the opening day of the new Soviet season.

The Besiktas return is on March 18, the European semi-finals on April 8 and 22 and then the European (national team) championship tie against East Germany comes up on April 29.

The Soviet season will, by then, be just over seven weeks under way and already — even allowing for the meticulously scientific training schedules created by Lobanovsky and his aides — will surely be on their knees.

This scenario will come as little surprise to veteran striker Oleg Blokhin, that star of all the Russias. He has known this sort of life for two decades, ever since Kiev first played in the European Cup when, in the autumn of 1967, they knocked out holders Celtic in the first round.

Kiev, founded in 1927, had been founder members of the Soviet first division and have never been relegated. They finished runners-up that first year but had to wait until 1961 before

KIEV coach Valeri Lobanovsky leads the way in the appliance of science to his training schedules. His interest in all forms of sports medicine and physiology began while he was working at Dnepr in the early 1970s and, after taking over Kiev, he consulted the physiologist Andrei Zelentsov, who helped the Olympic sprint gold medallist, Valeri Borzov. Lobanovsky bases his training schedules on units of time for both physical training and for rest periods. By increasing the number of training units in between rest sessions Lobanovsky builds up endurance . . . and by reducing the number of training units per session he builds up speed. The various patterns are used with varying intensity during the season. Each player's fitness and physical condition training schedules are carefully checked right the way through the season so that the scientific training schedules can be adapted individually. The system has caused controversy with former national managers Eduard Malofeyev and Konstantin Beskov being among leading critics.

Kiev Dynamo

O TIRED' RNED OUT?

by Terry Bushell and Stefan Tarras

they became the first club outside Moscow to land the title.

Soon they were dominating the Soviet scene. They achieved the league and cup double five years later and went on to a record-equalling hat-trick of league titles.

Key players were midfielders Iosif Sabo and Viktor Serebryanikov, the former a tough tackler, the latter more cultured, and forwards Valeri Porkuyan and Anatoli Bishovets.

Porkuyan scored three goals for the national team at the 1966 World Cup finals in England while Bishovets led the Soviet attack with distinction four years later in Mexico.

He also played a decisive role in that first meeting with Celtic. Kiev were Champions' Cup newcomers; Celtic were then the reigning European champions, having swept aside injury-weakened Internazionale of Italy in the final a few months earlier. The date was September 19 at Celtic Park.

Kiev, in the words of their coach, former international right half Viktor Maslov "do not come to defend. We have a variable system. If we have to defend then we defend. If we can attack. Then we will attack. Even here in Glasgow."

It took just four minutes to prove the point. Sabo won the ball in the Kiev half, saw a gap and threaded his pass through the Celtic defence for Bishovets to fire past Ronnie Simpson.

Another 24 minutes and Bishovets beat Billy McNeill for speed to make the score 2-0. Bobby Lennox pulled one back to the delight of the 68,000 crowd, in the 62nd minute, and Kiev keeper Rudakov made superb fingertip saves to headers from Johnstone and McNeill.

But, as West German referee Tschenscher — who had also controlled the Lisbon final — said: "I would not have recognised Celtic today as the same team who beat Inter."

In the return Celtic thought they had taken the lead when McNeill got the ball into the net in the 22nd minute. But Italian referee Antonio Sbardella disallowed the goal.

He also sent off Lennox in the second half — minutes after the winger had put Celtic in front — and ten-men Celtic conceded a late equaliser to the ever-dangerous Bishovets. Celtic's reign was already over; Kiev had started to make a name for themselves.

At the start of the following European season Celtic and Kiev were again drawn together. This time Celtic protested. They did not want to play an Eastern bloc team so soon after Warsaw Pact tanks had rolled into Czechoslovakia to stifle the fresh air of the 'Prague Spring.'

Under pressure from several other western clubs, UEFA reorganised the first-round draw and provoked the instant, angry withdrawal of the Soviets and their allies.

Ironically, the one federation which did not join the Communist boycott was the Czechoslovak FA, who had the satisfaction of seeing their own Slovan Bratislava go on to win the Cup-winners' Cup!

But it Kiev had made a start, they did not really take on as far as the international scene went until Lobanovsky became their team manager.

A former Kiev left-winger, who played twice for the national side, Lobanovsky ended his playing career with the miners' club, Shakhtyor Donetsk after two seasons with Chernomoretz Odessa.

He managed Dnepr from 1968 to October 1973, when he returned to Kiev as boss and insisted on taking with him Oleg Bazilevich, another former Kiev player and who had been in charge at Shakhtyor Donetsk.

Many of Lobanovsky's ideas had been culled from a visit to West Germany to study the preparation of their top sides at a time when the likes of Bayern Munich and Borussia Mönchengladbach were among the very best in the world.

He learned a lot, especially at Borussia from their outstanding manager, Hennes Weisweiler.

But Lobanovsky was also lucky in that his arrival at Kiev coincided with the emergence of the young Blokhin.

In 1974 Kiev clinched their second 'double' and in May of 1975 they became the first Soviet team to win a European trophy when they beat Ferencvaros of Hungary by 3-0 in the Cup-winners' Cup final in Basel.

Later that year they clinched the league title for the seventh time in 14 seasons.

It was then that the Soviet federation grew too greedy for their own good. Officials in faraway Moscow saddled the Ukraine club en bloc with all the national team fixtures and, when the Olympic qualifying team began to falter, with their schedule as well.

The Kiev players had to maintain their fitness, enthusiasm and dedication through a campaign which included Kiev's own league and cup and European fixtures, as well as the national team's friendly, World Cup and Olympic commitments.

On one occasion they arrived back at Kiev airport after an away league match and were allowed not even the chance to catch five minutes with their families before they were herded into another airport lounge, onto another aircraft and off for another international fixture.

Naturally, it all fell apart.

In 1976 Kiev were knocked out of the European Cup by Saint-Etienne in the quarter-finals and, the following year, they beat title-holders Bayern Munich at this stage only to lose in the semi-finals to Borussia Mönchengladbach . . . that same Borussia from which Lobanovsky had learned so much. A few months more and they were eliminated from the World Cup qualifiers.

Ironically, Lobanovsky was made the scapegoat for other people's blunders. He was suspended for a while before being allowed to hang on to his job . . . by the skin of his teeth.

Not surprisingly, Kiev now went through a period of comparative mediocrity. They reached the cup final in 1978 but underwent a desperate

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Kiev captain Anatoli Demianenko.

Kiev clinch shirt deals

SHIRT adverts are no longer forbidden by the Soviet federation, at least as far as Kiev are concerned. After their appearance at the recent Munich indoor tournament with the Commodore logo across their kit, a long-term agreement is expected to be concluded for Kiev's European fixtures through to the end of the 1987-88 season. In Munich Kiev were paid £8,000 by the electronics company and appeared in shirts provided by Bayern because their own kit could not be supplied in time. Kiev were thus wearing their hosts' kit when they beat them in the final! The Soviet Sports Ministry sanctioned the use of the Commodore shirts but remain sensitive on the issue. When Kiev moved on to Lucerne, a shirt-advert offer from the Zurich tabloid newspaper Blick *was politely rejected.*

World Soccer Club Focus on Dynamo Kiev

THE MANAGER

VALERIE LOBANOVSKY. Aged 49. Long-time coach to Kiev, an appointment he holds in conjunction with that of national team manager — having been rushed in to replace Eduard Malofeyev as Soviet supremo just three weeks before the World Cup finals. Malofeyev, former Minsk boss, had been appointed at the start of 1984; he had been a member of the Soviet team who finished fourth in the 1966 World Cup, but his managerial position became shaky after successive defeats early this year by England (home) and Rumania (away). It was the last straw when the Soviets could only draw 0-0 at home to Finland in their last warm-up. So Lobanovsky, a former Kiev left-winger, was recalled for his third stint as national manager. Right at the last minute he made sweeping changes in the squad, stepping up the Kiev representation from seven to 12. It would no doubt have been 13 had not centre-back Sergei Baltacha been ruled out at the last moment by injury. It says much for Lobanovsky and Kiev that the Moscow-dominated federation have decided to maintain him in his dual roles since the World Cup. Lobanovsky himself played twice for the Soviet Union, then spent a year with Chernomorets Odessa and another two with Shaktyor Donetsk before retiring. He managed Dnepr from 1968 to 1973 when he returned to Kiev as boss. After the 1975 Cup-winners' Cup victory Kiev were turned into the national team en bloc but the pressure of fulfilling fixtures in league, European club competition, the Olympics and World Cup qualifiers proved too much. Lobanovsky's star went into eclipse as the team fell apart under the pressure. But he rebuilt both team and personal reputation and was a managerial aide to Konstantin Beskov at the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

THE PLAYERS

Viktor CHANOV. Goalkeeper. Aged 27/3 caps. Chanov made his name with the miners' club, Shakhtyor Donetsk and was translated to Kiev in the winter of 1981-2. He — and his younger brother Vyacheslav Chanov — were the Soviets' reserve goalkeepers to Rinat Dassayev at the 1982 World Cup finals. Viktor was then forced out of the Kiev team by the equally promising Mikhail Mikhailov. Chanov regained his club place last year. He was Kiev's keeper in the Cup-winners' Cup triumph over Atletico Madrid and was again World Cup reserve to Spartak's Dassayev at the World Cup finals in Mexico.

Mikhail MIKHAILOV. Goalkeeper. Aged 27. His fine form as a youngster persuaded Kiev they could afford to allow veteran Yevgeni Rudakov to retire. But Mikhailov never quite fulfilled his potential, although a number of the other players prefer him as a keeper to Chanov because they say they like his cooler approach.

Anatoly BROVARNIK. Goalkeeper. Aged 20. Newcomer to the senior squad last year.

Anatoly DEMIANENKO. Full-back or midfield. 28/52. Voted 1985 Footballer of the Year after providing much of the drive which led Kiev to the Soviet league title 17 months ago. Signed from Dnepr in 1978, Demianenko was originally a full-back but has shown in the past year that he can play in midfield and score some useful goals. Played in all five of the Soviet Union's matches in the 1982 World Cup finals and all four in Mexico. He was captain and one of the stars of Kiev's Cup-winners' Cup win over Atletico Madrid.

Vadim KARATEYEV. Defender. Aged 22. Brought into the senior squad four years ago.

Pavel KOLOKOLOV. Defender Aged 20.

Mikhail OLEFIRENKO. Defender. Aged 27.

Andrei BAL. Centre-back. 29/13. Signed from Karpaty Lvov in 1975. Earned a surprising recall to the Soviet squad after Lobanovsky took over just before the World Cup. Bal owed his place not merely to Lobanovsky but to the fact that club-mate Baltacha, a fellow central defender, had aggravated a knee injury in the Cup-winners' Cup final and could not regain fitness in time for the trip to Mexico. Previously Bal had not played for the Soviet Union since the 2-0 win over Poland in October 1983 in the last European championhsio qualifiers.

Sergei BALTACHA. Centre-back. 28/38. Club captain who missed out at the last moment on a trip to Mexico for the World Cup finals when he aggravated a knee injury in the Cup-winners' Cup final victory over Atletico Madrid. Signed from Kharkov in 1977. Good in the air and has a particularly good defensive understanding with Demianenko — appropriately, since their birthdays are two days apart (Baltacha is the elder, having been born on February 17, 1959).

Oleg KUZNETSOV. Stopper. 23/12. Will be 24 on March 22. Another of the successful protégés being continually brought off the Ukraine talent conveyor-belt by Kiev coach Lobanovski. Has quickly become an invaluable member both of the Kiev team and of the national squad because of his defensive versatility.

Vladimir BESSONOV. Sweeper or right-back. 28/61. Will be 29 on March 5. Signed from Kharkov in 1976 and captained the Soviet Union to victory in the inaugural World Youth Cup in Tunisia a year later when he was voted the tournament's top player. Was originally a midfielder and had responsibility thrust upon him in 1980 after team-mate Aleksander Berezhnoi was banned for life from football for persistent drunkenness. Bessonov starred in the Soviet team which finished third in the Moscow Olympics, also in 1980, and then moved back with success to sweeper. His career has been interrupted by unfortunately-timed injuries.

Alexei MIKHAILICHENKO. Midfield. Aged 24. Scored the goal which gave Kiev the lead in their first-round, first-leg tie against Beroe Stara Zagora in Bulgaria. Forced his way into the team in the second half of last season with his goals when the World Cup men began to tire.

Oleg NAZARENKO. Midfield. Aged 20.

Igor YAKUROVSKY. Midfield. Aged 27.

Vasily EVSEYEV. Midfield or defender. Aged 25.

Alexander ZAVAROV. Midfield. 25/14. Current Soviet domestic Footballer of the Year. One of the revelations of Kiev's victory over Atletico Madrid in the Cup-winners' Cup final. Zavarov, playing an attacking game out of the centre of midfield, not only conducted one of the finest team displays in a European final for years, he also headed Kiev into the lead after only four minutes.

Ivan YAREMCHUK. Midfield. 24/6. Will be 25 on March 19. Emerged in the past 18 months as another highly promising Soviet newcomer. Signed two years ago from lower division neighbours SKA Kiev and was a member of Kiev's Cup-winner' Cup side. Made his international debut in the 2-1 defeat by Rumania in Timisoara in April and then went on to Mexico to play with great success in the World Cup finals. now almost recovered from a leg break suffered in Kiev's notable victory over hosts Real Madrid in the Santiago Bernabeu pre-season tournament in Spain.

Vasily RATS. Midfield. 25/8. Another Kiev star called up at the last minute by Lobanovsky on his World Cup appointment last year. Made his international debut in the 2-1 defeat by Rumania last spring. Struck a brilliant 30-yard shot past keeper Joel Bats in the World Cup first-round match in Leon . . .then repeated the trick in the 2-0 Soviet win in the European championship tie against France (and Bats) in Paris in the autumn.

Oleg BUTENKO. Attack. Aged 21.

Pavel YAKOVENKO. Midfield. 22/6. Made his international debut in the awful goalless draw with Finland in Moscow which turned out to be Malofeyev's last game as manager. Lobanovsky not only kept him in the squad but in the team and was rewarded when Yakovenko opened the scoring within two minutes of the start of the Soviets' opening World Cup-tie against Hungary.

Oleg BLOKHIN. Winger/striker. 34/106. Most famous of all current Soviet stars, though he has been in and out of the national team since the 1982 World Cup. Was the 1975 European Footballer of the Year but in Spain in 1982 he spent too much time moaning and not enough time playing — according to manager Konstantin Beskov. Blokhin is, even so, the Soviet league's all-time top scorer with more than 200 goals to his credit. Could have been a star sprinter if he had not favoured football, and one of his friends is Valeri Borzov, the former Olympic double sprint gold medallist. Blokhin was in inspired form and contributed a goal in both Kiev's Cup-winners' Cup triumphs: in 1975 against Ferencvaros of Hungary, and this year against Atletico Madrid. Played his 100th international in the 2-12 defeat by Rumania in April last year and in the autumn became the first Soviet player to reach 300 goals in his first-class career, when he scored in Kiev's 5-0 thrashing of Torpedo Kutaisi.

Vadim YEVTUSHENKO. Forward. 29/7. On fringe of the Kiev squad for several years but only lately able to gain a regular place in the team. He scored Kiev's third goal in the Cup-winners Cup final defeat of Atletico Madrid.

Igor BELANOV. Forward. 26/8. Current European Footballer of the Year, the third Soviet to achieve this honour after Lev Yashin and Blokhin. Belanov was another late choice for the World Cup finals in Mexico. Called up by Malofeyev originally, he played badly in the draw with Finland which was the Soviets' last pre-Mexico workout and probably owed his place in the squad to Lobanovsky's arrival. Yet he turned out to be the outstanding Soviet player in the finals, scoring that superb, but luckless, second-round hat-trick in the thrilling extra-time defeat by Belgium. Belanov was then selected for the World All-Star match played in Pasadena, California, as a fund-raiser for Unicef. Joined Kiev two years ago on Lobanovsky's personal insistence after a brilliant first-division debut season with Chernomoretz Odessa.

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struggle before beating Schakhtyor in extra time.

Blokhin suffered a series of injuries and, almost simultaneously, went through a prima donna stage. Yet despite this, and despite the fact that the old guard — right wing Onishenko, keeper Rudakov and defenders Reshko and Fomenko — retired, Kiev more than held their own in domestic competition.

Lobanovsky blended in his new youngsters to such good effect that Kiev still led the league for much of the year.

Blokhin struck a hat-trick against relegation-bound Wings of the Soviet in his 201st league match. But Kiev began to lose their legs on the run-in.

A 2-0 home defeat by Spartak Moscow proved decisive, because Spartak went on to overhaul them and win the league.

Lobanovsky had proof that he was on the right track by now, of course. With assistant Anatoli Puzach — himself a former Kiev international striker — he has worked steadfastly to build a team which has not only emulated the 1970s side, but promises to surpass it.

If, that is, the federation do not push their good luck.

First sign of a cloud of fatigue on the horizon came just before the finals of the World Cup last year. When Eduard Malofeyev appeared to be losing his grip — it was being whispered that the Kiev and Tbilisi men just would not play for him — the federation appointed Lobanovsky to the job.

Not surprisingly he increaased to a dozen the Kiev representation in the squad for Mexico.

In itself that was no problem. The problem stems from the fact that Lobanovsky has since been confirmed not as short-term caretaker, but as Soviet chief up to and including the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Of course, he will lean most heavily on the players he admires and knows best; his own at Kiev.

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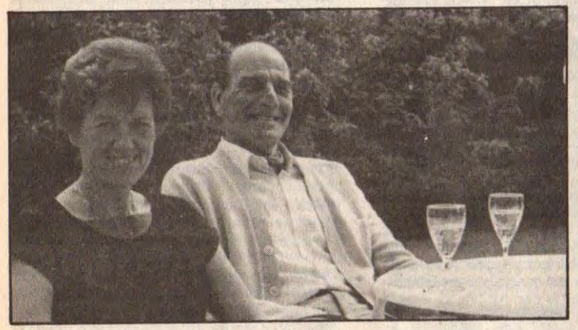

'Champagne and roses' **Bob and Anne, Devon**

A practical joke played on a girl in her office led Anne, a 45 year old divorcee and legal secretary, to join Dateline. Bob had spent most of his working life abroad but at 50, divorced for many years, he thought it would be nice to settle down. He corresponded from Saudi with Anne, then when they finally met, wooed her with champagne and roses. They are now married, and very grateful to Dateline for the introduction.

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African award for Zaki

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

ARGENTINA: Ubaldo Matildo Fillol, Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning goalkeeper, completes his return home from **Spanish** club **Atletico Madrid** by signing for **Racing of Buenos Aires.**

BRAZIL: Determined not to be caught again in such a state of disarray in the corridors of power in a World Cup year, the CBF announce a detailed plan of action to prepare for the 1990 finals in **Italy**. The plan includes maintaining a regular squad for national team matches . . . but no announcement of a new coach.

FRANCE: Fernando Chalana, Bordeaux's Portuguese star from the European championship finals in 1984 but who has played only a handful of games since then, returns to full training at last while home on holiday. He works out not at his old club, **Benfica**, but with **FC Oporto.**

SPAIN: First division strugglers **Murcia** appoint **Hungarian Antal Dunai** as successor to **Ladislao Kubala**, who accompanies his surprise resignation with an attack on the players — including those "who pretend to be injured." Dunai is Murcia's third coach of the season.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

ITALY: A surprise for **Juventus** fans: a report from **Paris** says that **Michel Platini** will leave the Italian champions in the summer to end his career with his original French club, **Nancy-Lorraine**.

MOROCCO: Zaki, the **Moroccan** World Cup goalkeeper and captain, is voted **African Footballer of the Year** by the Paris magazine, **France Football**.

PORTUGAL: Francisco Calado, 16 years a player with **Benfica**, returns to the club to take up his new post of football director. Calado follows **Julio Borges**, who has resigned through ill health.

URUGUAY: Antonio Aizamendi, who was one of **Uruguay's** few World Cup successes and then went on to win the World Cup with **Argentina** club **River Plate**, is voted **America Player of the Year** in a poll run by the **Montevideo** paper, **El Pais**, **Brazil's Careca** is second and **Paraguay's Romero** third.

YUGOSLAVIA: Semir Tuce is voted **Footballer of the Year** by the magazine **Sport**.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

WEST GERMANY: Werder Bremen centre-forward **Rüdi Völler** is quoted by **Weltam Sonntag** as saying that he intends to play in **Italy** next season — but he is not sure yet for which club. Völler said he had secured confirmation from **Bremen** officials that he would be released in the summer even though his contract runs until 1990. Later Völler tries to play down the story after Bremen announced that the asking price will top the West German all-comers' record fee of £3million with which **Internazionale** bought **Karl-Heinz Rummenigge** from **Bayern Munich** three years ago. Meanwhile, Rummenigge is rumoured to be considering a return home at the end of the season.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

BRAZIL: The Pele Cup, the Senior Little World Cup, opens in **Santos** with a 1-1 draw between **Argentina** and **West Germany, Gonzalez** scores for **Argentina** in the 12th minute and **Kremers** equalises for the Germans in the 85th. Argentina line up a veteran of that infamous 1966 World Cup quarter-final at Wembley in left wing **Oscar Mas**; the Germans include their own 1966 veteran, **Sigi Held** . . . in the second match, before a 60,000 (!) crowd in Sao Paulo, **Brazil** beat **Italy** 3-0 with goals from Lelli **(own goal), Rivelino** and **Dario**, Pele played, lacking the speed of agility of his youth. But despite his 46 years he showed enough flashes of his old self to bring the crowd to their feet chanting his name . . . also in Brazil, in **Pernambuco**, the state league president, **Fred Oliveira**, says he intends introducing strip-tease shows before matches and at half-time to halt a fall in attendances.

WORLD SOCCER Player of the Month

GARY LINEKER (Barcelona): for his hat-tricks in Spain's top-of-the-table clash against Real Madrid and for England against Spain.

SOVIET UNION: Kiev Dynamo midfielder **Alexander Zavarov** is named as **Player of the Year**. Runner-up is **Igor Belanov** — the newly-acclaimed European Footballer of the Year — with **Oleg Blokhin** third. It is the first time players from one club have taken all top three places. Belanov had modestly said earlier that he thought Zavarov should have been voted to the European crown.

GREECE: Olympiakos of **Piraeus** win their eighth consecutive game and increase their lead in the first division to five points ahead of **OFI** of **Crete**, as they go down 2-1 to **Panathinaikos**. Olympiakos pick up their victory by defeating **Ioannina** 3-2 at home in the Athens Olympic stadium. **Nikos Anastopulos** scores twice.

ITALY: New leaders **Napoli** lose 3-1 away to **Fiorentina** so **Internazionale** go top on goal difference thanks to their 1-0 home win over **Atalanta** —a victory achieved despite the expulsion of **Argentine** defender **Daniel Passarella**. Napoli's 13-game unbeaten run is ended thanks to an inspirational display by **Diego Maradona's** old World Cup team-mate, **Ramon Diaz**, who scores Fiorentina's first goal after only six minutes. Veteran **Giancarlo Antognoni**, playing his first full game in eight months after injury, scores' Fiorentina's second in the 20th minute from a free kick. Maradona pulls one back brilliantly in the 51st but **Paolo Monelli** wraps up the points for the Florence club in the last minute with an amazing shot from just inside his own half! As for Inter, a **Pietro Fanna** goal brings them victory over Atalanta . . . In other games third-placed **Juventus** come from behind to beat **Verona** 2-1 **(Manfredonia and Cabrini)** and **Milan** defeat **Como** 1-0 away with a goal from **Paolo Maldini**, son of Milan's 1963 Champions' Cup-winning captain.

PORTUGAL: Benfica beat **Porto** 3-1 before a 120,000 crowd in Lisbon to go back to the top of the table. **Rui Aguas** — son of Benfica's 1961 and 1962 Champions' Cup-winning skipper — hits a hat-trick. The result is welcome relief for coach **John Mortimore**, under heavy pressure after a string of bad results. Benfica lead **Guimaraes** by one point, Porto by two. Porto's consolation goal against Benfica is scored by **Fernando Gomes**, the league's top scorer who thus takes his total for the season to 17.

SPAIN: Barcelona stretch their lead at the top of the table over **Real Madrid** to three points thanks to a 3-1 home win over **Sabadell** in a Catalan derby. Gary Lineker scores twice — his first goals since November and his eighth and ninth of the Spanish league campaign. He would have had a hat-trick but one headed 'goal' is disallowed because **Mark Hughes** is standing offside. Barcelona's other goal is scored by **Ramon Caldere**. Real Madrid have only themselves to blame to allowing Barsa to widen the gap. Madrid are 2-0 ahead away to **Zaragoza** with a quarter of an hour remaining thanks to goals from **Michel** and **Butragueño**. Then Zaragoza hit back with two goals in four minutes from **Señor** and **Julia**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

ALGERIA: The **African** confederation announce that the **Algerians** have agreed to stage next year's African championship finals after **Zambia** withdrew as hosts because of domestic financial problems.

BRAZIL: World Cup midfielder **Alemao**, the subject of much transfer speculation, is said by his **Rio de Janeiro** club **Botafogo** to be close to signing for **Lisbon** side **Belenenses**.

ENGLAND: Liverpool pounce for **Oxford** striker **John Aldridge** while **Ian Snodin** decides to join **Everton** and **West Ham** agree to pay £700,000 for unsettled, often-injured **Arsenal** midfielder **Stewart Robson**. Leaving the country is **Michael Robinson**, moving from **QPR** to Spanish first division club **Osasuna**.

FRANCE: Saint-Etienne decide to back **Robert Herbin** as coach, three years after he left for the Middle East in the wake of the slush fund scandal.

ITALY: Two star imports return to training after injury: **Torino's Dutchman Wim Kieft** and **Milan's Englishman Mark Hateley**. Hateley's return to action coincides with a newspaper survey which rates him among the least successful of current imports . . . families of victims of the **Heysel** disaster unite to protest about the attitude of the Belgian authorities who have apparently sent the Italians a bill for medical costs and expenses incurred.

NORWAY: UEFA announce that the European women's finals will be staged in **Oslo** from June 11-14.

SPAIN: The **Spanish** national team is placed No 1 in Europe in a 1986 survey of international results, by **France Football. England** are second . . . **Luis Soler Camino**, 66, a founder member of the **Español Barcelona** club, dies in Buenos Aires.

URUGUAY: Peñarol defy the events of a crisis-hit season — a players' strike, followed by temporary withdrawal from competition in a row over their debts — to win the championship in a play-off against their most bitter rivals, **Nacional. Peñarol** win 4-3 on penalties after an extra-time goalless draw in the historic **Estadio Centenario. Vidal** of **Peñarol** and **Barrios** of **Nacional** are sent off. Peñarol had ended the league programme one point behind Nacional but FA pressure forced Nacional to agree to a play-off. The reason was because, while both clubs formally boycotted the first weekend of the season in yet another cash row, only Peñarol lost the points available since Nacional had no scheduled fixture.

WEST GERMANY: United States star **Paul Caligiuri** signs for **Hamburg**. He had been spotted by Hamburg general manager **Feloix Magath** in the Unicef All-Stars' game in Pasadena after the World Cup.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

BRAZIL: Brazil draw 0-0 with **Uruguay** on the second 'day' of the Pele World Cup for veterans in the Vila Belmiro in **Santos** with a capacity 30,000 watching. Brazil's star is 46-year-old **Djalma Dias** in a disappointing game. Tournament organiser **Luciano do Valle** blames nerves for the poor standard of play; a commentator for the private TV network **Bandeirantes** says both teams knew a draw would suit them all and played accordingly. The **Jornal do Brasil** reports: "The spectacle was ugly, with lots of fouls and little of the good soccer of yesteryear . . . worse, it was all to reminiscent of today's football, without creativity or objectivity. This match left a lot to be desired." **Rivelino** (thigh), **Marco Antonio** (muscle strain) and **Paolo Cesar Carpegiani** (broken nose) were all Brazilian casualties.

COLOMBIA: All-time favourite **Willington Ortiz** announces his retirement.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: The national team beat **IFK Gothenburg** 3-1 in the semi-final of a four-team tournament in **Las Palmas**. Goals by **Skuhravy** (two and **Hasek**.

ITALY: Inter's Argentina centre back **Daniel Passarella** is suspended for two matches (later reduced on appeal to one) after having been sent off for a retaliatory foul in the weekend's 1-0 win over **Atalanta**. Inter president **Ernesto Pellegrini** says Passarella will also be fined by the club for jeopardising their championship challenge. Inter are currently top of the table, leading **Napoli** on goal difference.

PORTUGAL: Portugal and **Greece** draw 1-1 in **Portalegre** before a 10,000 crowd in what is, for both teams, a European championship warm-up. Portugal are still without their Mexico men even though it is FA officials, rather than the players, who have emerged from an inquiry as seriously at fault in the World Cup bonus row. **Coelho** puts Portugal ahead in the 72nd minute, **Xanthopulos** equalising with virtually the last kick of the game.

SPAIN: Real Madrid sack former European Cup-winning right-half **Juan Santisteban** as coach of second division nursery team **Castilla**. Former Madrid 'keeper **Mariano Garcia Remon** takes over day-to-day control . . . **Jesus Narro Sancho**, Real Madrid full-back of the late 1940s and early 1950s, dies in the capital aged 65.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

BRAZIL: More action in the Pele Cup for World Cup veterans. **West Germany** take a measure of belated revenge over **Italy** for 1982 by defeating them 2-1 in **Sao Paulo**. The German scorers are **Breitner** (penalty, six mins) and **Geye**, with **Savoldi** replying for Italy who thus lose all chance of a place in the final.

Ian Rush celebrates Liverpool's winning goal against Everton.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

CHILE: Vicente Cantatore, back from coaching **Valladolid** of **Spain**, decides to turn down an offer to become national manager. It's the second time in three years he's done so.

CHINA: A spokesman for the **Chinese Olympic Committee** says they are considering bids to stage the 2000 Olympics and the 2002 World Cup finals.

COLOMBIA: Top club **America Cali** sack coach **Vladimir Popovic** and bring in **Julio Comesana**.

FRANCE: Nantes general manager **Robert Budzinski** says that anyone interested in signing **Argentine** World Cup-winning midfielder **Jorge Burruchaga** at the season's end will have to find an asking price of at least £4million.

ITALY: Diego Maradona and club president **Corrado Ferlaino** are to face disrepute charges from the Italian Federation because of criticisms of the referee for Napoli's 3-1 defeat by **Fiorentina** the previous Sunday . . . **Michael Laudrup** denies talks with **Liverpool** about moving to Anfield when **Ian Rush** switches to **Turin.**

SOVIET UNION: Valeric Lobanovsky, coach to **Kiev** and the national team, is presented with the prestigious Order of the Red Banner of Labour by State President **Andrei Gromyko**.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

BRAZIL: Argentina beat **Brazil** 3-1 in the Pele Cup in Sao Paulo. **Pedro Gonzalez** (21) and **Oscar Mas** (36 and 61) get the Argentine goals; **Jairzinho** grabs an 83rd-minute consolation for Brazil, who lack **Rivelino** and **Paolo Cesar Cargegiani**. Argentine midfielder **Carlos Babington** is man of the match.

ITALY: Napoli go back to the top of the table and clinch the "winter championship" thanks to a 3-0 home win over **Ascoli**. **Salvatore Bagni** scores the third goal as a consolation after having his Mercedes car stolen the previous day. Bagni has also had his home burgled three times since his move to Napoli from **Inter** nearly three years ago. Inter, deprived by **Daniel Passarella** because of suspension, lose 2-1 at **Verona**, for whom **Preben Elkjaer** scores both goals.

PORTUGAL: Shock outsiders **Vitoria Guimaraes** keeps up the pursuit of **Benfica** thanks to a 2-2 draw away to champions **Porto**, who give **Brazilian** World Cup star **Casagrande** his debut. **Benfica** remain one point ahead of Guimaraes after drawing 0-0 at **Varzim**. Dutch striker **Peter Houtman** — newly-signed from **Groningen** — makes his debut for **Sporting Lisbon** in their 0-0 home draw against struggling **Rio Ave**. The eight first division games produce only 13 goals.

SPAIN: Champions **Real Madrid** pull back one point on leaders **Barcelona**. Two goals from **Emilio Butragueño** bring Madrid a 3-0 home win over Betis while Barcelona are held goal-less away to **Jock Wallace's Sevilla** after **Gary Lineker** hits a post in the fourth minute.

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DAY-BY-DAY NEWS REVIEW

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Food poisoning hits Real

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

BRAZIL: Paul Breitner flies home to **West Germany** because of business commitments which thus rule him out of the rest of the Pele Cup tournament — including Wednesday's crucial match with **Uruguay**.

ITALY: The weekly *Guerin Sportivo* votes **Diego Maradona** its **1986 "Oscar"** as the year's best player, with **Carlos Bilardo** getting the managerial award and his **Argentine** World Cup-winners the team prize . . . in a league match postponed because of snow from the previous day, **Atalanta** beat **Fiorentina** 2-0. The first goal is scored, after five minutes, by veteran Englishman **Trevor Francis** . . . the controversial former federation and club fix-it, **Italo Allodi**, suffers a heart attack.

YUGOSLAVIA: Four first division clubs — **Partizan, Celik, Sutjeska** and **Dinamo Zagreb** — are granted the right by a court to challenge at law the decision of the Slav Federation to order that the last round of last season's championship be replayed because of match-fix allegations. Partizan, originally proclaimed champions, refused to replay their last game and the title was ultimately awarded to **Red Star Belgrade**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

BRAZIL: A surprise 2-1 win for **Italy** over **Argentina** in the Pele Cup, but it comes too late to save them from elimination.

GREECE: Greece beat **Cyprus** 5-1 in a European under-21 championship tie on the Greek Island of **Rhodes**. **Giorgios Vatsis** scores twice, in the 20th and 85th minutes. A crowd of 3,000 watch the game.

ITALY: Daniel Passarella tells **Internazionale** he may be willing to extend his contract beyond this season after all.

JAPAN: A UNICEF fund-raising game is announced, setting **Japan** against a **South American XI** in **Tokyo** on January 24. Both **Diego Maradona** and brother **Raul** (a midfielder with Boca Juniors) are in **Carlos Bilardo**'s 18-man South American squad.

QATAR: Brazilian Evaristo De Macedo (World Cup finals boss of **Iraq**) is sacked as **Qatar**'s national manager.

TUNISIA: World Cup finalists **Algeria** win 2-0 away to **Tunisia** in a preliminary round of the African Games. The goals came from **Belloumi** and **Menad.**

WEST GERMANY: Klaus Augenthaler, whose contract is due to expire at the end of the season, signs to stay with **Bayern Munich** until 1990.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

BRAZIL: More in the Pele Cup. **Uruguay** beat **West Germany** 2-0 with two goals from **Yanes** and take the overall lead in the round robin first round . . . as for **Pele** himself, the King says he will continue playing occasional exhibition and charity matches. Pele talks at a press conference after signing a contract to promote Brazil in a £3million campaign organised through the national tourism agency, **Embratur**: a sure sign of the planning already in hand to gain the right to host the 1994 World Cup. Pele also adds, sadly and significantly: "I took part in the Pele Cup here to boost the spirits of former Brazil stars, many of whom at 36 have already stopped playing and have nothing to do but drink."

BULGARIA: The national team, on a winter break training camp in **Portugal**, win 3-1 against **Farense**.

GREECE: Greece beat **Cyprus** 3-1 in a European Championship tie in the Olympic Stadium thanks to two goals from top-scoring skipper **Nikos Anastopulos** . . . but, in **Patras**, **Greeces** Olympic team are beaten in a friendly by the **Italian** Olympic side (managed by **Dino Zoff**) by 2-0. **Andrea Carnevale** scores a goal in each half.

HOLLAND: PSV star **Ruud Gullitt** flies to **Milan** for a medical with his prospective Italian employers, Milan, PSV officials complain that Milan have yet to make any official approach for the player.

PORTUGAL: Benfica beat **Belgian Champions'** Cup quarter-finalists **Anderlecht** 2-1 in a friendly in **Lisbon**. **Manniche** (five) and **Carlos Manuel** (64) score for Benfica and substitute **Krncevic** (37) for Anderlecht . . . neighbours **Sporting** sack coach **Manuel Jose**.

SPAIN: Six **Real Madrid** players plus coach **Leo Beenhakker** are confined to their hotel rooms in Marbella after suffering mild food poisoning following a seafood meal at the club's winter break hotel.

WEST GERMANY: Hamburg boss **Ernst Happel** confirms that he will leave the club at the end of the season. He has been linked with the **Saudi** national managership as well as **Juventus**.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

SPAIN: Malaga's 25-year-old goalkeeper **Jose Gallardo** dies in hospital from complications following head injuries suffered in a second division game against **Celta de Vigo** on December 21. Gallardo had collided accidentally with Celta's **Brazilian** centre-forward **Baltazar** and had been carried from the pitch unconscious. He appeared well enough after three days to go home but suffered a stroke on January 6 and was readmitted to hospital for emergency surgery. He never recovered consciousness. Among visitors to his bedside just the previous day had been the veteran **Real Madrid** club captain, **Carlos Santillana**. Gallardo, a bachelor, had been with Malaga for ten years . . . **Spain** manager **Miguel Munoz** brings in **Sevilla** forward **Ramon** and recalls World Cup men **Ramon Caldere** and **Andoni Goicoechea** for the friendly against **Holland** in **Barcelona**. But there is no recall for Real Madrid midfielder **Ricardo Gallego**, who missed December's European Championship win in **Albania** because of injury.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

BRAZIL: More action in the Pele Cup with **Argentina** (4-0 winners against **Uruguay**) and **Brazil** (2-1 winners over **West Germany**) qualifying for the final. The Brazilian winner is scored in injury time by **Rivelino**.

BELGIUM: The **Belgian** government officially lifts its post-Heysel ban on British soccer teams so that the **Belgium v Scotland** European Championship tie on April 1 can go ahead. The government announces a limit of 1,200 Scottish spectators (including special guests, officials, etc) at the match which will be played in **Bruges** or at the **Anderlecht** stadium in Brussels. Heysel is ruled out because it does not yet meet the necessary safety standards.

YUGOSLAVIA: A court rules the federation out of order in trying to maintain a prohibition on players being transferred abroad before their 28th birthday.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

EGYPT: The draw for the first rounds of the 1987 African Club Cups reveals that **Egypt's Al Ahly** have decided to follow up their Cup-winners' Cup treble with a challenge to **Cairo** rivals **Zamalek** for the Champions' Cup.

MALTA: The national team beat **Kickers Offenbach** 4-2 in a European Championship warm-up.

MOROCCO: Deposed **African** Club Champions **FAR of Morocco** beat **Daewoo Royals** of **South Korea** 2-0 to win the **Afro-Asia Club Cup**.

SPAIN: In a match brought forward one day, **Barcelona** beat **Bilbao** 4-1 with goals from **Gary Lineker** (17), **Carrasco** (22), **Mark Hughes** (52) and **Roberto** (78) to ensure their continued run at the top of the table. Lineker's goal was his 10th of the league campaign . . . **Sevilla** agree the signing of **Rangers** winger **Ted McMinn**.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

BRAZIL: Argentina win the Pele Cup thanks to a 1-0 victory over hosts **Brazil** before a 60,000 crowd in **Sao Paulo**. The only goal is scored by **Dario Felman** in the 47th minute and Argentina win despite losing their star midfielder **Carlos Babington** because of injury after only five minutes.

BULGARIA: Another training match victory for the national team in **Portugal** — this time by 5-0 over minor club **Louletano**.

GREECE: Leaders **Olympiakos** are held 0-0 away by **Doxa Drama** but still lead the league by four points. Former **England** under-21 skipper **Gary Owen** scores a consolation goal for **Panionios** in their 4-1 thrashing by second-placed **PAOK**.

ITALY: Scares for **Napoli** and **Roma**. **Diego Maradona** has to go off with a recurrence of his ankle injury in league leaders Napoli's 2-1 home win over **Brescia**; Roma's **Zbigniew Boniek** suffers a broken toe in the 0-0 draw with **Como**.

PORTUGAL: Benfica are held to a goal-less draw away to third division **Cartaxo** in the fourth round of the cup and must replay. **Sporting, Porto** and **Guimaraes** are all safely through.

SPAIN: Real Madrid keep up the chase, two points behind **Barcelona**, thanks to a 2-0 away win over **John Toshack's Real Sociedad** with goals from **Gordillo** and **Gallego** — both created by **Butragueno**.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

BELGIUM: Brugge midfielder **Jan Ceulemans**, captain of World Cup semi-finalists **Belgium**, is voted **Footballer of the Year** for the third time. He polls 430 points, ahead of **Juan Lozano (Anderlecht**: 219) and **Gilbert Bodart (Standard Liege**: 181).

CHINA: The national squad arrives in **Brazil** for an intensive training camp.

ITALY: Juventus' Antonio Cabrini is named in the **Italy** squad to face **Malta** in the European championship despite a knee injury which — by his own admission — needs an operation at the season's end.

JAPAN: Diego Maradona flies out to attend the Unicef charity match in **Tokyo** but says his aggravated ankle injury will prevent him playing. He must travel, however, to sign a contract in connection with a Xerox-sponsored tournament.

WEST GERMANY: Holger Osieck is to be **Franz Beckenbauer's** assistant in succession to **Horst Köppel**, who will be taking over **Bayer Uerdingen**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

ALGERIA: The World Cup finalists threaten to pull out of the **African Games** qualifiers after the African confederation order a replay of their 2-0 away win over **Tunisia**. The Tunisians, not having understood the rules properly, had put out a below-strength team. The Algerians say that's not their fault.

ARGENTINA: World and South American champions **River Plate** are held 1-1 in **Mar del Plata** by **West Germany's Köln** in the annual **Copa de Oro** tournament.

HUNGARY: National team training matches — the European championship side draws 1-1 with **Volan** (goal by **Boda** in the 77th minute) while the **Olympic XI** draw 4-4 with **Vasas Budapest.**

SPAIN: The federation signs a £1million deal with **Coq Sportif** to run through to the 1990 World Cup.

SWITZERLAND: New Zealand's 1982 World Cup striker, **Wynton Rufer**, finally leaves **FC Zurich** — after a stormy two seasons — to join **FC Aarau** . . . executive director **Karl Oberholzer** quits **Grasshoppers**, two months after being instrumental in the dismissal of coach **Timo Konietzka.**

WEST GERMANY: Udo Lattek, who had previously stated his intention to retire at the season's end, is persuaded by **Bayern Munich** to stay on as chief coach for one further year . . . **Jupp Heynckes** emerges as front-runner to succeed **Ernst Happel** at **Hamburg** after HSV are turned down by **Roma's Swedish** boss, **Sven-Goran Eriksson**. Heynckes is currently boss of **Borussia Mönchengladbach.**

YUGOSLAVIA: Players from the **Osijek** club go on an unprecedented strike, protesting they have not been paid for two months. Might be more effective if this were not the winter break.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

BULGARIA: The national team draw 0-0 in **Portugal** with **Farense.**

DENMARK: Champions' Cup quarter-finalists **Brøndby**, on a pre-season tour in **Italy**, lose 3-2 away to **Roma. Berggren** and **Pruzzo** (two) score for Roma, while Brøndby's goals are both own goals — by **Baroni** and **Gregori.**

FRANCE: Shock waves through the **French** game as investigating magistrate **Patrick Desmure** announces in **Lyon** that 20 people are being charged with complicity in the **Saint-Etienne** tax fraud and slush fund case. Charges relate to events between 1978 and 1982 and the inquiry has taken four years and three months. The accused include 11 former players (including **Michel Platini** and **Patrick Battiston**), former coach **Roby Herbin**, and eight former officials, including ex-president, **Roger Rocher**. Some £2.2million was involved.

ITALY: Avellino stars **Walter Schachner** and **Sandro Tovalieri** are attacked on the club's training ground by a mob of 20 'fans', blaming them for the team's poor results. Other onlookers jeer the players and in the car park vehicles belonging to **Schachner** and **Brazilian** star **Dirceu** are vandalised. The last straw for the fans was the previous Sunday's 2-0 defeat by Fiorentina which pushed **Avellino** to the bottom of the division — below even **Udinese**, who have a nine-point handicap! . . . **Brazil** World Cup star **Junior** is fined £2,500 by **Torino** for publicly insulting coach **Gigi Radice**. Junior had been quoted in local newspapers as saying Radice needed to visit a psychiatrist.

PORTUGAL: In an under-21 friendly, **Portugal** lose 2-0 at home to **Spain** in **Oporto. Alvaro** (37) and **Villa** (52) score the goals.

SPAIN: Spain are held 1-1 in **Barcelona** by **Holland** — goals coming from **Gullit** (Holland, 20 mins) and **Caldere** (Spain, 71) . . . **Sevilla** complete the £200,000 signing of **McMinn.**

YUGOSLAVIA: Red Star Belgrade, trying to defy the domestic winter, take a European tour and beat **Manchester United** 1-0 at **Old Trafford**.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

ARGENTINA: Touring **Köln** beat former world champions **Independiente** by 2-1 in the **Copa de Oro** tournament in **Mar del Plata.**

INDIA: East Germany and the **Soviet Union** Olympic squads draw 1-1 in the **Nehru Cup.**

MEXICO: FIFA president **Joao Havelange** hands over in **Mexico City** a cheque for £1million to help victims of the 1985 earthquake. The money has been raised by Unicef and from the 24 World Cup finalist nations who were in Mexico last year.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

BRAZIL: The CBF confirms dates and venues for Brazil's European tour. They will play **England** at **Wembley** on May 19, the **Republic of Ireland** in **Dublin** on May 23, **Scotland** in **Glasgow** on May 26 and **Finland** in **Helsinki** on May 28. But there is still no news of the identity of Brazil's new manager.

INDIA: Nehru Cup action sees **Bulgaria's** Olympic hopefuls beat **Denmark** 1-0.

MALAYSIA: Touring **Swiss** club **Vevey** beat the **Malaysian** national team 2-1.

NEW ZEALAND: In the **Oceania** qualifying tournament for the World Youth Cup, **New Zealand** are disappointingly held to a goalless draw at home to **Fiji.** Later **Australia** virtually ensure their place in the finals in **Chile** as they thrash **Taiwan** 5-0 despite having skipper **Kurt Reynolds** sent off. Two goals apiece fall to new young Aussie stars named **Abbas Saad** and **Jason Van Blerk(!).**

SWITZERLAND: Günter Netzer, West Germany's European championship-winning general of 1972, finally marries his long-time girlfriend **Elvira Lang.** The ceremony takes place in the **Swiss** village of **Gottlieben** on the shores of **Lake Constantz** with a weekend party to follow in fashionable **Gstaad.**

TURKEY: Jupp Derwall, coach to league leaders **Galatasaray,** is named as special adviser to the national team manager — who is none other than his club aide, **Mustafa Denizli.**

WEST GERMANY: On the eve of the European Cups draw in **Cologne** it emerges that UEFA are considering extending the seeding system. It also emerges that **Monaco,** envisaged as permanent home of the **Supercup final,** may pull out after this year's match between **Kiev Dynamo** and **Steau Bucharest.**

YUGOSLAVIA: Former international **Asim Ferhatovic** dies aged 54. He played for **Sarajevo** between 1951 and 1967.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

ITALY: In **Bergamo, Italy** beat **Malta** easily by 5-0 to take the lead in group two of the European championship qualifiers. **Bagni** opens the scoring after only four minutes and the other goals follow from **Bergomi, Altobelli** (two) and **Vialli.** A 42,000 crowd turns out.

JAPAN: Diego Maradona's South American All-Star XI beats hosts **Japan** 1-0 in the National Stadium in **Tokyo** in a Unicef fund-raising match. **Brazil's Josimar** scores the winning goal after 31 minutes following a fumble by Japanese goalkeeper **Shinichi Morishita.** Also in the South American team is one of **Maradona's** brothers, **Raul.**

UGANDA: Uganda's Sports Villa beat **Tanzania's Tukuyu Stars** 4-1 in the first match of the **East and Central Africa Club Championship.** Centre-forward **Magidu Musisi** and left-winger **Sandy Mokiri** score two goals each on a rain-sodden pitch in the **Nakivubo World War II Memorial Stadium.**

WEST GERMANY: The draw is made, on live TV in **Cologne,** for the quarter-finals of the European club competitions. Beforehand, former **West Germany** goalkeeper **Sepp Maier** introduces **Bernie the Hare,** official mascot for the 1988 European championship finals, which take place in West Germany between June 10 and 25 next year.

YUGOSLAVIA: Milan Duricic is confirmed as new coach of **Sloboda Tuzla.**

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

ARGENTINA: Cesar Menotti's Boca Juniors beat Velez Sarsfield 2-0; world and South American champions **River Plate** are held 2-2 at home by **Union Santa Fé.**

AUSTRIA: Championship challengers **FC Tirol** claim to have agreed terms for **Ernst Happel** to take over next season after his **Hamburg** contract expires.

BELGIUM: After bad weather had wiped out the previous week's programme, it is back to action for the first division. **Anderlecht** beat **Seraing** 5-3 to maintain a three-point table-topping lead ahead of **Brugge** and **Mechelen.**

BRAZIL: The national championship gets back under way after a month's holiday break. **Socrates** scores both goals in **Flamengo's** 2-0 win over **Vitoria** in one of the last games in the second round. Already certain of places among the 16 third round qualifiers are **Palmeiras, São Paulo, Joinville, America (Rio), Guarani, Fluminense, Flamengo, Cruzeiro, Portuguesa, Bahia, Corinthians** and **Atletico Mineiro.** Relegation certainties include **Garrincha's** old club, **Botafogo.**

GREECE: At the half-way stage, **Olympiakos** hold a four-point lead over **PAOK** and **OFI Crete.** Olympiakos keep out in front with a 2-0 home win over **Ethnikos,** thanks to goals from **Petros Xanthopulos** and **Nikos Anastopulos** — whose penalty in the 70th minute is his 13th goal of the season.

PORTUGAL: Goals from **Carlos Manuel, Nunes** and **Rui Aguas** (his 11th of the season) bring **Benfica** a 3-1 home win over **Maritimo.** They lead **Porto** and **Vitoria Guimaraes** by two points. **Keith Burkinshaw,** talking over the **Sporting Lisbon** job, sees his possible new team held goalless away to **Salgueiros** . . . the death occurs of **Antonio Abrantes Mendes,** an outside-right who starred for Sporting in the late 1920s and early 1930s. He played twice for Portugal.

SPAIN: Real Madrid narrow the distance on the leaders **Barcelona** to one point. Madrid win 2-1 at home to bottom club **Osasuna,** for whom new **Irishman Mike Robinson** (from QPR) opens the scoring in the first minute. **Valdano** equalises in the 63rd minute and a last-minute **Hugo Sanchez** penalty allows Madrid to steal both points. **Barcelona** gain a goalless draw in **Valladolid** despite the injury absences of four key players (including knee ligaments victim **Gary Lineker**) and despite having **Julio Alberto** carried off with a broken leg.

TURKEY: Jupp Derwall's Galatasaray stay top after hanging on for a goalless draw to **Trabzonspor.**

UGANDA: In the **East and Central African club championship** in **Kampala** there are 1-0 wins for **Malawi's Bata Bullets** over **Petroleum Agency FC** of **Somalia,** and for title-holders **El-Mereikh** of **Sudan** over **Zimbabwe Saints.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

SPAIN: A report by a government labour inspector on the case of **Schuster v FC Barcelona** is leaked to the media. Its conclusion is that Schuster hasn't got a leg to stand on in his attempt to sue the club to regain his place in both squad and team.

UGANDA: Two more matches in the **East and Central African Club Championship: Uganda's Sports Villa** draw 0-0 in **Kampala** with **El Hilal (Sudan)** while, in group B, in the north-eastern town of **Jinja, Uganda**'s own **Blue Bats** defeat four-times champions **AFC Leopards (Kenya)** by 1-0.

WEST GERMANY: Matthias Schroda, a 20-year-old **East German** exile, starts training at **Eintracht Frankfurt** — the home-from-home for newly-arrived footballers from "Over There".

ARGENTINA: A shock for fans of **River Plate** as cult figure and inspiration **Norberto Alonso** announces his impending retirement.

INDIA: More in the **Nehru Cup — Nigeria 1 Syria 0** and **Denmark 2 China 0.**

UGANDA: In the **East and Central African Club Championship** preliminaries, **Uganda's Sports Villa** and **El Hilal** of **Sudan** draw 0-0 in **Kampala** in group A. In group B **Blue Bats,** also of **Uganda,** beat four-times winners **AFC Leopards** of **Kenya** by 1-0. Sports Villa lead group A; Blue Bats and holders **El Mereikh** are joint leaders in group B.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

BELGIUM: A senior Brussels police official as well as **Albert Roossens,** general secretary of the **Belgian** Federation, are named in the indictments being brought against those accused of criminal blame for the Heysel disaster. The Belgian Federation was responsible for ticket sales on the day of the European Cup final between **Juventus** and **Liverpool** at which 39 fans died.

ITALY: Roma lose 1-0 at home in a friendly against the **Soviet** national team, even though the Soviets are without new European Footballer of the Year **Igor Belanov** because of injury. A crowd of 4,000 turn out, with receipts going to a local children's hospital. The lone goal is scored by **Vadium Yevtushenko** in the 73rd minute.

SPAIN: Jose Luis Roca, president of the **Spanish** Federation, faces the sack after opposition among clubs and provincial federations raise the necessary signatures to demand an extraordinary general meeting to try to unseat him.

UGANDA: More **Ugandan** affairs in the **East and Central Etc.** This time **Petroleum Agency FC** of **Somalia** snatch a last-minute goal to earn a 2-2 draw with **Tukuyu Stars** of **Tanzania.**

UNITED STATES: Clive Toye, former **Fleet Street** sports journalist and later king of the **New York Cosmos,** unveiled plans to launch a new professional league in the US. He claims seven East Coast clubs are already lined up for an April start. No easy money for foreigners this time. Each club will be allowed only four imports each.

WEST GERMANY: Hannes Bongartz, coach to **Kaiserslautern,** extends his contract until 1989.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

BELGIUM: Manuel Marin, the **Social Affairs Commissioner** of the **European Community,** warms that he will be stepping up pressure on the EEC's member football authorities to scrap all controls on the free movement of players. He is to demand, by June, that all 12 federations inform him how they plan to raise their barriers. Otherwise, legal action will follow through the Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The 12 are: **France, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, Italy, Republic of Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Denmark** and **Spain.** Marin points out that it is 11 years since the principle of freedom of movement for the EEC professional footballers was laid down by the Court of Justice.

INDIA: In the **Nehru Cup,** the **East German** Olympic team beat **Nigeria** 1-0 (**Hermann** 55, penalty) while hosts **India** lose 2-0 to the **Bulgaria** Olympic hopefuls (**Denev,** 70, and **Simov,** 80, get the Bulgarian goals).

CHILE: Colo Colo beat **Palestino** 2-0 in a play-off to win the championship for the 15th time in their history.

GREECE: After half a season in which two fans have been killed and there have been the usual outbreaks of rioting and mob violence at matches, the general secretary of the Greek Federation, **Panayotis Alamaras,** is reported as saying: "Police control at matches has been stepped up and things are clearly improving." . . . in **Athens** the **Hungarian** national and Olympic squads turn up for two trial games. The senior Hungary team beat **Panionios** 2-0 (goals from **Bognar** and **Kalman Kovacs**) and the Olympic team lose 2-1 to their Greek counterparts.

HONG KONG: Denmark's Champions' Cup quarter-finalists **Brøndby** win 3-0 against a **Shanghai Select. Huang Ren** (own goal), **Kent Nielsen** and **Claus Nielsen** are the scorers. In the same mini-tournament, Hong Kong beat **Peking XI** 2-1.

IRELAND: Champions' Cup quarter-finalists **Red Star Belgrade** win 3-0 away to **Derry** in a winter break game on a British and Irish tour. Goals come from **Cvetkovic** (2 mins), **Djorovic** (75) and **Pavlovic** (85).

ITALY: In an under-21 friendly, **Italy** beat **East Germany** 1-0 in **Parma** thanks to a goal by **Ferrara** of **Napoli** eight minutes from time . . . **Roma** lose 1-0 at home in the Olympic Stadium to the **Soviet Union** national team, even though the visitors are without injured European Footballer of the Year, **Igor Belanov.**

POLAND: Pogon Szczecin agree terms to release midfielder **Adam Kensy** to **Austria's Linzer ASK.**

PORTUGAL: Keith Burkinshaw signs on as new boss of **Sporting Lisbon.**

SPAIN: Cup time, with first leg matches in the third round. Notable results include **Atletico Madrid's** 1-0 against **Real Madrid** and **Barcelona's** 1-0 home defeat by **Osasuna.** Both the giants put out teams of juniors and reserves to keep their senior squads for the weekend's duel in **Nou Camp.**

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UGANDA: AFC Leopards crash again in the **East and Central African** club event. This time they go down 2-0 to **Zimbabwe Saints.** That's in group B. Back in group A, the **Malawi** club, **Bata Bullets,** beat **El Hilal** by 1-0 to take over the section leadership.

URUGUAY: Progreso, one of the Montevideo minnows, hit back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with **Central** and earn a place in the South American Club Cup for the first time in their history. The match is part of a play-off series to decide the two Uruguayan entrants for this year's competition.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

BRAZIL: Alemao, World Cup midfielder who had appeared on the verge of joining **Belenenses** in **Portugal,** now reveals why he delayed signing as **Spain's Atletico Madrid** put in a rival bid to his club, **Botafogo.**

ITALY: Giuseppe Farina, disgraced former president of **Lanerossi Vicenza** and later **Milan,** instructs its lawyers to tell a **Rome** court that he is ready to return to Italy from hiding (allegedly in **South Africa**) and answer the court case laid against him in his absence.

PORTUGAL: One surprise in the squad of 17 named for the European Championship tie against **Italy** on February 14 — that's the inclusion of forward **Jorge Placido,** from unfashionable **Chaves.** There are still none of the Mexico "martyrs".

RUMANIA: More Olympic trials, this time with the **Rumanians** beating a **Bucharest league select** by 3-1 on the ice in the capital.

TUNISIA: The national team draw 1-1 at home in **Tunis** in a test match against touring **West German** second division club, **Aachen** (half-time 1-0).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

AUSTRIA: UEFA Cup quarter-finalists **FC Tirol,** on a **Spanish** training trip, beat a local amateur team 5-1 in **San Pedro.** Goalkeeper **Ivkovic,** sent on at outside left as a half-time substitute, scores one of the goals. Meanwhile, back home, Tirol president **Gernot Langes** signs former World Cup striker **Kurt Welzl** from **Grazer AK.** The fee will depend on the number of games he plays in the second half of the season. But he signs too late to qualify to face **Torino** in the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.

HOLLAND: Frank Rijkaard signs a new contract with **Ajax** — a big blow to **PSV Eindhoven** who had hoped to sign him this summer as replacement for **Milan**-bound **Ruud Gullit.**

ITALY: Juventus jump the gun on a **Napoli** counter-offer by tieing goalkeeper **Stefano Tacconi,** like left-back **Antonio Cabrini,** to a lucrative new contract.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SPAIN: Barcelona beat **Real Madrid** 3-2 in **Nou Camp** to regain a three-point lead at the top of the table. A 115,000 crowd and millions around Europe, thanks to TV, see **Gary Linkeker** score a hat-trick to take his total for the season to 13. Madrid hit back with two second-half goals from **Valdano** and **Hugo Sanchez** (penalty).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

AUSTRALIA: The **Aussie** Federation announces that **Manchester United, Nottingham Forest** and **Celtic** will compete in a four-team tournament along with the Australian national team, from May 25 to June 4.

INDIA: In **Kozhikode, Denmark** squeeze into the semi-finals of the **Nehru Cup** thans to a 1-1 draw with hosts **India.** Denmark finished their group one point ahead of India, for whom **Sisir Ghost** scores in the 51st minute after the Danes had gone ahead in the 12th with a **Jesper Pedersen** penalty. **Bulgaria** topped the group with six points.

HONG KONG: Brøndby beat **Hong Kong's Chairman XI** 2-0 to win the **Carlsberg Cup** in the Chinese New year tournament. **Lars Olsen** scores the first goal from a 61st minute penalty and **Kurt Bakholt** gets No. 2 six minutes later. Victory is worth a £5,500 prize for Brøndby.

ITALY: Napoli win 3-0 away to bottom club **Udinese** to maintain their league leadership. **Diego Maradona** opens the scoring with a 29th-minute penalty and gets another two minutes before half time. **Internazionale** remain two points adrift in second place after a 1-0 win over **Brescia** provided by a goal from **Passarella.** Star striker **Altobelli** misses yet another penalty . . . **Gianni Toppan,** a Milan wing half in the 1940s, dies aged 66.

SOUTH KOREA: Already confirmed for the prestigious **President's Cup** in June are **Australia, Chile, Kuwait, Nigeria, North Korea, Milan, Sao Paulo FC** and the **South Korean** national team. Organisers are still awaiting confirmation of an East European and a British team.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

INDIA: Bulgaria beat **East Germany** 3-1 to reach the final of the sixth **Nehru Cup.** This match— between Olympic squads — is decided by two second-half goals from midfielder **Vassil Dragolov.** At half-time the score is 1-1 with goals from **Bezinski** (32) for Bulgaria and **Richter** (39) for East Germany.

ITALY: Diego Maradona is suspended for one game for insulting the referee after **Napoli's** defeat by **Fiorentina.** He had said that Fiorentina "played with an extra man," and that "sometimes you can understand why fans try to invade the pitch." **Sampdoria's Roberto Mancini** is banned for three games. He, too, had been unhappy with a referee and had said that "maybe the fans, instead of having a go at each other, should come down here and have a go at the referee instead." Another critic of referees, **Pietro Vierchowod,** is banned for one game.

UGANDA: The last first-round match in the **East and Central African Club Cup** is a formality. **El Hilal** of **Sudan** beat **Tukuyu Stars** of **Tanzania** by 2-0 but both teams have already been eliminated. Organisers announce that the semi-finals will be put back from Tuesday to Thursday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BELGIUM: The **Belgian** government opens extradition proceedings at Highbury Corner magistrates' court against 26 men accused of manslaughter at the Heysel stadium disaster in May, 1985.

INDIA: Defending champions the **Soviet Union** (lining up their Olympic team) beat **Denmark** 3-0 in **Kozhikode** to reach the final of the **Nehru Cup. Yevgeny Kuznetsov** scores the first goal after a shot in the 42nd minute by **Alexei Mikhailichenko** hits a post. **Vadim Tishenko** makes it 2-0 in the 64th minute and **Tishenko Mihailichenko** completes the scoring in the 80th.

MALAYSIA: A two-week tournament begins in Kuala Lumpur with **Groningen** of **Holland** beating a **Kuala Lumpur XI** by 3-0. **Vandijh, Roosien** and **Gary Brooke** score the goals. Also involved in the tournament are **Luzern, Graz, Seoul City Hall** and **Penang.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MALAYSIA: Two matches in the **Kuala Lumpur** tournament: **Luzern** allow **Penang City** to come back from 3-0 down to force a 3-3 draw, and **Seoul City** draw 1-1 with **Grazer AK** . . . the Malaysia federation decides to boycott all matches against Singapore teams in protest at the visit to Singapore last November of the President of Israel, **Chaim Herzog.**

MEXICO: Mexico's B national team beat **Sporting Lisbon** 2-1 in the **Corregidora** World Cup stadium in **Queretaro. Mendizabal** (six minutes) and **Romero** (27) score for Mexico while **Manuel Negrete** — one of Mexico's own World Cup heroes last year — replies for Sporting.

PORTUGAL: Portugal beat **Belgium** 1-0 in **Braga** thanks to a goal scored by midfielder **Frasco** with the last kick of the first half. An otherwise dismal game is made notable by the debut for Belgium of the black **African** forward, **Dumitru Mbuyu.** He appears as a second-half substitute for **Claesen.**

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Ireland are held 2-2 in **Dublin,** at Tolka Park, by **Spain** in an Olympic qualifier (the Republic compete as Ireland in Olympic events). **Larkin** (25) and **Mick Byrne** (50) score for an Irish team which includes eight men from **Shamrock Rovers** while Spain hit back through **Andrinua** (42) and **Zuniga** (71).

SPAIN: Troubled **Atletico Madrid** name their fourth coach of the season — **Luis Aragones,** who was also their first until he resigned because of a threatened nervous breakdown. In between, Atletico appointed ex-national team aide **Vicente Miera,** then assistant manager **Jesus Martinez Jayo.** Now Martinez Jayo returns to his No. 2 role . . . **Gary Lineker** shuttles back to England for a day to sign a five-year boots contract which will make him a millionaire.

WEST GERMANY: Hamburg, still casting about for a coaching successor to **Ernst Happel** are rebuffed in an audacious attempt to contract **Kiev** mastermind **Valeri Lobanovsky.** Hamburg president **Wolfgang Klein** says: "We approached the Soviet federation but they told us Lobanovsky is under contract until 1990, so that's that."

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Invitation of Tenders for 1994 World Cup Final Competition

THE General Secretariat of FIFA has in a circular letter invited its member associations to submit candidatures for the organisation of the 1994 World Cup Final Competition. Interested associations may announce their intention until February 28, 1987. FIFA will then hand out the list of requirements to these associations which in turn may confirm or withdraw their candidature by April 10, 1987. The World Cup Final Competition will be awarded by the Executive Committee on June 30, 1988.

According to Art. 39 of the FIFA Statures, the World Cup Final Competition may not take place twice in succession on the same continent. For this reason the invitation of tenders was sent only to associations outside Europe.

Suspended Member Associations as of January 1, 1987

ASPER Art. 36 of the FIFA Statures, the following member associations have been suspended due to non-payment of the membership dues:

Burundi, Central Africa, Ghana, Niger, Vietnam SR and Zaire.

As soon as these associations fulfil their financial obligations, the suspension will be lifted.

Owing to different reasons, the associations of Lebanon and Sri Lanka are suspended until their respective internal situations have been settled.

● *"HERO", the official film of the 1986 World Cup Final Competition, has become a great success in Argentina. During the first three days, over 180,000 persons saw the film which features Argentina's team captain Diego Maradona as one of the leading personalities.*

Korea Republic won rehearsal

THE football team of the South Korean Republic passed an important test in view of the 1988 Olympic Summer Games.

It won in the Olympic Stadium of Seoul the Final of the Asian Games against Saudi Arabia by 2-0.

Prior to that, the South Koreans defeated Indonesia in the semi-final by 4-0 although they had survived the quarter-finals against Iran only with luck.

The outsiders were defeated only in a penalty-shoot-out after the regular playng time had ended in a 1-1 draw.

Saudi Arabia had needed no less than two penalty shoot-outs to read the final: in the quarter-finals against Iraq and in the semi-finals against Kuwait.

The match for third place was won by Kuwait by 5-0 against Indonesia.

It is remarkable that all quarter-finals had to be decided by penalties.

Courses

DURING the second half of 1986, a series of vocational training courses for coaches were held directed by FIFA instructors:

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***Korean Republic**—FIFA instructor Jack Gallagher (Northern Ireland) directed the on a high level standing course for coaches. The organising association of Korean Republic provided excellent conditions for this course.*

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***Uruguay**—FIFA instructors José Bonetti (Brazil) and José d'Amico (Argentina) looked after more then 450 participants in a coaching course of medium and higher level which was hald in the four cities of Montevideo, Maldonado, Durazno and Paysandú. It was menetioned in the report of the two instructors that the readiness for action was excellent in spite of the great crowd. But due to the huge attendence, it was impossible to assess each participant personally.*

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***Portugal**—211 participants who completed two courses for coaches of all levels were enthusiastic about the course programme which featured the following topics: youth training in general, efficient build-up for injured players, analysis of the 1986 FIFA World Cup, how to reach the capability of increasing the rhythm during the match and psychological aspects of training-teaching. SFV instructor Michel Ritschard (Switzerland) acted at both courses in Porto and Lisbon as FIFA representative.*

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***Singapore**—30 coaches from six Asian countries participated in a by FIFA instructor Dettmar Cramer (Germany FR) directed course of a higher level.*

1987—A Year of Transition?

FROM

ONE might wonder whether 1987, following immediately in the wake of the World Cup, is going to be a year of transition, as custom (or tradition) would have it, or whether it will be simply a year of accomplishment of all the other essential tasks which our Federation has to work at.

The answer can perhaps be derived from the following survey of what has to be done.

In the *competition* sector, assiduous preparations are being made for the final competitions of our youth tournaments: the U-16 World Tournament (which can be aptly described, without any false modesty, as The World Championship for Schoolboys) in Canada in July and the World Youth Championship (U-20) for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup in Chile in October.

The competition in Canada is the second FIFA is organising in this series — the first was in China in 1985 — and it will take place in conjunction with the festivities celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian Soccer Association. FIFA has thrown open the doors to the Associations of Asia, African and Concacaf, in as much as each Confederation is entitled to participate with three teams (Oceania one). Nigeria, the title-holder, has qualified again, along with Egypt, Ivory Coast for Africa, Korea Republic, Qatar, Saudi Arabia for Asia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia for South America and Australia for Oceania. Europe and Concacaf will be qualifying their teams by means of their continental championships.

In addition, the preliminary competition of the Olympic Football Tournament is in full swing on all continents. All the arrangements in Seoul have to be completed already in 1987 so as to gaurantee the perfect organisation of the Tournament; an event which will most certainly be enhanced by the fact that football is regarded in the Korean Republic as the king amongst sports.

The FIFA World Cup, undoubtedly the most prestigious of all the world competitions, will also be a topical matter due to the fact that the Regulations for "Italia '90' have to be dealt with, the invitations distributed and the continental groupings made for the draw, which, as usual will be conducted before the public.

But be careful: even the 1994 World Cup is showing up on the horizon. In January, it was formally opened to tenders and the candidatures (all Associations beyond Europe, since the World Cup cannot be held twice consecutively on the same continent) Will be examined in the latter part of the year. The final decision will not be made until June 1988.

Then, apart from these competitions, there are the new FIFA projects, i.e. five-a-side football (where the situation of the Laws of the Game is now being clarified) and women's football, both of which are steadily gaining popularity.

Besides all these technical organisational aspects, the execution of contracts has to be thought of: for television and advertising, as well as for insurance coverage, a matter which is vitally important considering the state of the world we live in today.

Nevertheless, all this does not mean that FIFA is forgetting its fundamental mission which is *to promote football* through the world by means of development schemes. This idea, conceived by our President, João Havelange, was launched initially in 1976, followed by successive projects, to reach completion in 1990 with a project specifically designed for young footballers and their coaches, once again — as in the past — with the welcome backing of The Coca-Cola Company.

In conclusion, FIFA also has the following items to deal with:

— to concentrate on the revision of the Statutes as decided by the 1986 Congress
— to pursue the promotion of fair-play
— to study the question of measures to ensure comfort and security at football grounds
— to deal with all differences which inevitably arise in a vast organisation like FIFA.

Will 1987 be a year of transition?

Most certainly not. The process of football development is on the march, the ball is round, like the earth, and just as the earth must keep on revolving, so must the ball be kept rolling. For the good of our young players and all those who love our game, our splendid sport.

J. S. Blatter, General Secretary

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JULY 30 1966, Wembley Stadium in London . . . Geoff Hurst hits the ball against the crossbar of the German goal, the ball bounces back to the ground and back into the pitch.

The Swiss referee Gottfried Dienst cannot judge the situation properly and thus asks the Soviet linesman Bakhramov. The latter nods and points to the middle — goal.

This goal — scored during extra-time of the World Cup Final 1966 and which smoothed the way for England to the title — is probably the most contested goal in the history of football.

Referee Gottfried Dienst became world famous with his decision, his linesman Tofik Bakhramov reached a verdict which interested not only the sports world.

Crossbar

Proof as to whether the ball had really crossed the goal-line or not, could not be produced.

Twenty years later, June, 1986, Jalisco Stadium in Guadalajara: The Spaniard Michel slams a ball against the crossbar of the Brazilian goal, the ball bounces back to the ground and back into the pitch.

The Australian referee Christopher Bambridge does not award the goal.

He also does not ask his linesman David Socha.

He did not see the ball enter the goal and thus took the decision alone.

Twenty years ago, referee Gottfried Dienst was heavily criticised by the media for having consulted his linesman because he couldn't take the decision alone.

Twenty years later the referee was also criticised by the media, this time however because he did not consult his linesman but reached the decision alone.

By coincidence Gottfried Dienst sat in the grandstand in Guadalajara when Bambridge let the match go on.

Dienst thinks that the ball crossed the goal-line but he still feels that Bambridge did the right thing: "Bambridge acted absolutely correctly.

If he did not see the ball in the goal, he could not decide on a goal and if he was absolutely sure of himself, there was no need to ask his linesman."

There are photos which although they prove nothing, hint that the contested ball had crossed the goal-line behind goalkeeper Carlos.

But even the electronic aid of television, requested by many commentators to aid referees, did not provide any conclusion in this case.

Not even slow-motion replay and numerous repetitions help to judge where the ball actually bounced on the ground. The referee had to make a decision within split seconds.

That's fine this way and it should not be any different: What would happen to football if electronic aids were to relieve the referee of the most important decisions?

Telephoto

What would happen to our sport if it could not keep a few secrets — such as the legendary "Wembley-Goal" — away from the eyes of the people and the electronic telephoto lenses?

As for Dienst today, he says: "Without the 'Wembley-Goal', surely nobody would talk about me today."

From 1948 until 1968 Dienst was active as referee, officiating at two World Championships (1962, 1966) and directing 132 international matches, of which 28 were A-international matches and two finals in the European Champions Cup. Today Dienst (67), a sprightly pensioner, lives in Basle and still works in the referee training programme of the Swiss Football Association.

"Without the famous scene in the Wembley Stadium, I would have stopped in 1966", says Dienst "but I did not want to give the impression that due to the controversy about this particular goal I gave up my career."

The World Cup Final of 1966 made Gottfried Dienst famous, but the most lasting impression of his long career was made in another match.

He says: "My most eventful match was in 1964 Brazil against Argentina in front of 180,000 spectators in the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janerio. When the score was 0-2, Pelé was fouled in the penalty area.

He shot the penalty so hard against the crossbar that it still must tremble today. But after this missed chance, the entire public switched sides and in the end Brazil lost 3-0."

Two Referees too expensive

Only one time the sole authority of the referee was questioned. In 1935 one seriously thought of transfering the match supervision to two referees. A trial match took place in Chester. Officiation at this game were the well-known referees Dr A. W. Barton and E. Wood. They placed themselves in both halfs so that each one of them was always in the immediate vicinity of the ball. The first impressions were quite positive but in spite of it the experiment was cancelled. In the end it may have been the increased expenses caused by the remuneration of two referees that led to the rejection of the project.

50 years ago: Experimental match with two referees 1935 in Chester

An important step forward

The first FIFA five-a-side football tournament in the Sports Palace in Budapest of 18-20 November surpassed all expectations.

This goes for the action on the field as well as the public attendance of 5,000 spectators at the opening day and over 7,000 for the final matches. The objectives which the FIFA Sub-Committee for five-a-side football had set for the tournament, were more than fulfilled.

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During the upcoming months, tournaments will be held in collaboration with FIFA in Western Europe (Spain, in February) and South America (Peru, in March).

After that, the rules will be re-examined before the Executive Committee approves the regulations for five-a-side football during the second half of the coming year.

PLAYER PORTRAIT by Arthur Rotmil

FK AUSTRIA fell to Bayern Munich in this season's European Cup. Here Bayern's Andreas Bremme (right) clears from Herbert Prohaska.

Polster chases scorers award

A BIG, brawny youngster from Austria is making headlines in Europe with goalscoring exploits which have excited the interest of leading clubs in Italy, Spain and West Germany.

Toni Polster, with 26 goals, is on course to become the first Austrian since Hans Krankl to win the coveted Golden Boot award as Europe's top scorer.

If he continues at the recent rate he will emulate even Krankl's remarkable total of 41 goals in 1978.

Last season Polster was third, behind Holland's Marco Van Basten and the Soviet star Oleg Protassov for his 33 league goals for FK Austria.

He has been handicapped by the three-month winter break in the Austrian first division, but is about to resume his attack.

Anton Polster was born on March 10, 1964 and is proud to recall how early in life he was raised to be independent.

As a six-year-old he would travel alone an hour by tram across Vienna to school.

This gave him self-confidence and he matured quicker than his class-mates.

Tender

He soon developed an enthusiasm for football and was recommended by a scout to top club FK Austria at the tender age of nine.

Later he played for their under-21 side, but there was no room for him in the first team and so he was loaned out to Vienna's second division club, SC Simmering.

While there, he completed his studies to become a qualified industrial salesman.

Returning to FK Austria in 1982 at 18, youg Toni made an immediate impact in the first half of the season.

Seven league goals and four in Cup-winners Cup ties against Panathinaikos and Galatasaray attracted the attention of the then national team manager, Erich Hof.

After just 13 league appearances Polster was surprisingly called up into the national squad.

He celebrated his first international on November 17, 1982, by scoring the opening goal in a 4-0 win over Turkey in a European Championship qualifier as one of the youngest debutants for Austria in years.

He also helped FK Austria to eliminate Barcelona in the Cup-winners Cup quarter-final before the Viennese lost to Real Madrid.

The goal on his international debut was memorable enough, but so was his goal against Italy in Austria's 2-1 defeat in a friendly in Udine, as were the two penalties he converted in Austria's last international, the 4-1 triumph over arch-rivals West Germany.

Tall — at 6ft 1in — and curly-haired, Polster is a natural successor to those Austrian stars who burst on the scene in the 1970s, such as Prohaska, Pezzey, Krankl and Schachner.

Asked how he copes with stardom, Polster says: "One has got to get used to the adulation, something I always wanted, but now somehow the fame and the acclaim seem exaggerated, I don't feel comfortable in the role of a superstar."

He doesn't think much of players who show off to the gallery, saying: "Only the end result counts."

He has always listened to coaches such as Ernst Dokupil (at Simmering) and Wenzel Halama (formerly with FK Austria), who exercised the greatest influence on his progress.

Polster says: "With Simmering I learned all about camaraderie, team work and the value of human relations.

"In Vienna I acquired the correct attitude as a professional footballer."

That is why he refutes allegations that he "dives" for penalties.

"That's not my style," he says. "In any case, with my build it would only look clumsy."

Career

He would dearly love to continue his career abroad. Inter Milan's former star Giacinto Facchetti, now acting as a technical adviser, has already written several rave reports about Austria's latest sensation.

Polster was indeed very nearly transferred to Italy last summer. But he £500,000 fee demanded by FK Austria of the interested newly-promoted clubs (still allowed to sign foreigners), was too steep.

Spanish and West German clubs have also reported interest, and Bayern Munich, the club for whom he would most like to play, are still considering their options.

Polster is contracted to FK to the end of the season — then he will most likely take the road all top European strikers have in their sights, south to Italy, or Spain, to fame and riches.

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RAY HARFORD, Luton Town's talented coach, as I recently recorded, observed to me that if he had his way, youth coaches would be paid more than anybody else in a football club, and that if he were ever asked to take over a leading First Division club as manager, the man he would bring with him would be the Fulham schoolboys' coach, Alan Taylor: "He's brilliant."

Taylor is one of the unsung heroes of football. As a schoolboy, he was described by no less a figure than Sir Matt Busby as one of the best he had ever seen.

His career, however, foundered, first at West Ham, then at Bournemouth. He was not, perhaps, sufficiently "motivated," to use that awful vogue-word. But he certainly knows how to "motivate," his young players.

Indeed, one of them said not long ago that so enjoyable are Taylor's coaching sessions that he would rather train now than play! Taylor is not a full time coach; he has his own steel business. But on such dedicated and talented people, our professional game to a large extent relies.

Liverpool could certainly do with him, or someone like him. Their record in recent years of bringing up and along their own talent is quite appalling.

Kenny Dalglish tacitly acknowledged as much when he became the player manager last season and said this was an area on which he meant to concentrate.

When I saw an unknown midfielder called Ablett given a full game for Liverpool at Crystal Place against Charlton, I remarked in the *Sunday Times* that it was rather like seeing a street singer come on at La Scala, Milan. So it was.

At about the time Dalglish expressed these sentiments to me, I spoke to his mentor, Bob Paisley, who remarked drily that when a team was engaged in a battle for so many titles, bringing along young players wasn't feasible; that Everton had prided themselves on doing so, but now they were actually winning things, they were splashing out "big" money, too.

Yet look at the talent which has slipped through the Liverpool clubs' fingers! Look at the irony of Liverpool actually having to pay Oxford United £700,000 for John Aldridge, a Scouser whom the big Liverpudlian clubs ignored or rejected, obliging him to go South to make a name with Newport.

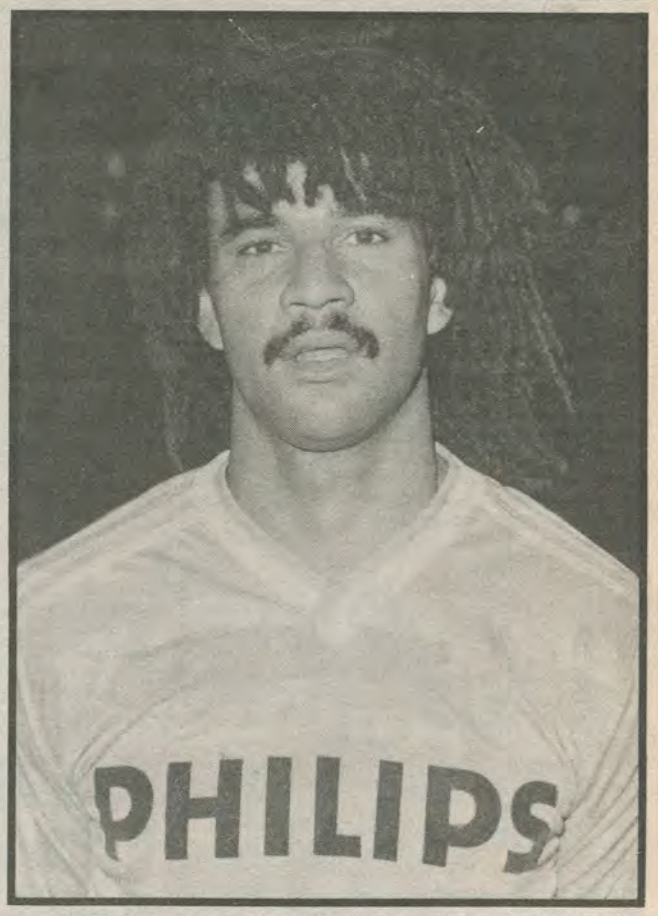
More ironic still, as I recently observed, was that day on Luton's plastic pitch when Liverpool were run ragged by Mike Newell, scorer of three goals in a 4-1 win; a Scouse who had actually supported Liverpool from boyhood and been on their books!

One could go on and on. Peter Davenport, for whom Manchester United paid Nottingham Forest a fortune, is another Liverpudlian, who was playing for the Cammel Laird shipyard team when Forest spotted him.

Professional clubs need good scouts and good coaches. There's not much point in the scouts delivering talent when there aren't the coaches to help it along.

This is where Arsenal present a most interesting case. No fewer than half a dozen of their surprisingly successful side have actually grown up through the junior teams at Highbury: David O'Leary and Tony Adams, the centre-backs, and all the others. I must not repeat myself. I do hear, however, that the present Arsenal youth team is not up to scratch. Which means that the scouts have not been able to find the players for the good coaches to coach.

Meanwhile there is interesting news from the Italian Marches, where Costantino Rozzi, the president, longest serving in the Italian league, of Ascoli has decided to spend a fortune on his youth scheme. Ascoli say they will at least no longer have to shell out £30,000 a year to hire training grounds for their players when the present programme is completed. This is the only way, says Rozzi, in which the less fashionable Italian clubs can ever hope to compete with the big battalions.



RUUD GULLIT . . . now at PSV, but for how much longer?

I WONDER whether Trevor Francis will come back to Birmingham at the end of this season with Atalanta of Bergamo. Birmingham City, who of course launched him as a 17-year-old, are keen to get him; but so are Aston Villa. Whichever club he joined, Francis would have to take a monumental cut in salary.

While he was with Sampdoria, he was "on" some £300,000 a year, tax free, plus free accommodation and travel and car. Atalanta, I understand, have geared their payments to a scale of appearances, of which Trevor, this season, has made few. He will be 33 in April and he is still notoriously injury prone, but still potentially a superb player.

"He'll have to be realistic," said Billy McNeill, the manager of Villa, when I spoke to him about the potential transfer. How realistic is realistic? My information is that Villa would be most unlikely to go above £50,000 a year.

Their financial situation is not remarkable. Still less is that of Birmingham City, who, besides, are already in the Second Division, where Villa could well follow them.

I was able to tell McNeill that Trevor had recently played a marvellous game for Atlanta against Fiorentina; one which might be seen as a substantial revenge for what Eugenio Bersellini did to him at Sampdoria (themselves beaten by Atalanta 1-0 six days later) last season.

Well, then. Atlanata signed Francis last summer) Fiorentina acquired as manager Eugenio Bersellini. The clash between the two of them had its origin in Lisbon, where the club were playing Benfica in a first leg European Cupwinners' Cup tie. Bersellini deputed Francis to go on the substitutes' bench.

Francis was incensed. He felt perfectly fit to play, he said. If in the view of Bersellini he was not fit to do so then he would watch the game from the stand. So he did, and war had implicitly been declared.

From that moment on, Francis was out of the team more often than in it; and not for the customary, distressing reason that he was injured.

I did see him play in the return leg in Genoa which Sampdoria, playing a bruising game, won, but still went out of the tournament on aggregate. Francis seemed to me that night to be foolishly deployed, for much of the match, as an out and out number 9.

From his point of view, the unfortunate thing was that Sampdoria had been splashing out money in the summer for players they didn't really need. One of these was a big centre forward called Lorenzo, bought for a huge sum of money from a C2, lower thrid division, club.

It meant that Bersellini now had at his disposal four strikers at least, the others being the youth and under-21 striker Mancini, another very expensive purchase in his time, and Vialli, the winger who was knocking on the door of the full international team and would eventually play, crop headed, in the Mexican World Cup.

Francis was bitterly distressed not to be picked for Mexico himself, and undoubtedly his absence from the Sampdoria team had much to do with that. So to that cold Monday when his new club played their match, postponed from the snowbound day before, against a Fiorentina teaam which had just bought Naples' spectacular run to an end. Something seemed to snap in Bersellini's brain.

Another example, perhaps, of that obsession with tactics which periodically seems to induce highly paid, respected Italian managers to do quite daft things (cf. the 1974 World Cup when Italy decided that the classic Argentine left winger

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Houseman was a midfielder and tried to mark him with inside-forward Capello, thereby exposing themselves to chaos!)

At all events, Bersellini deployed his two markers to watch a couple of Sampdoria midfield men, while whimsically entrusting Francis to the care of Carobbi, actually an overlapping left back who was thus taken off his most important task and given one alien to him.

Francis scored a splendid goal in six minutes, Carobbi was taken off at half-time, Atalanta won 2-0, and when it came to the Press Conference, so mortified was Bersellini that, describing the first goal, he could not even bring himself to enunciate Francis' name!

McNeill says that though it would be taking a risk with Francis, such a player, whatever his age, so seldom becomes available that it would be foolish to ignore the opportunity.

BY THE time you read this, Ruud Gullit may have made up his mind whether or not to sign for Milan — or Juventus — and PSC Eindhoven may have made up their mind whether or not they mean to let him go.

The outrageous way Milan have been behaving, you never would have thought that the brilliant 24-year-old, sweeper, midfielder or striker (a headed goal in Spain to give his team a 1-1 draw in January) had a contract with PSV that ran to 1990.

Not only did Milan send 12 — count them 12 — emissaries over the Holland to talk to him in secret — guess what: the secret leaked out — they actually flew him to Milan for a "secret" medical.

That one leaked out as well to the justifiable fury of the wealthy PSV club (they are bank rolled by the mighty Philips Electrical company) who plaintively explained that it was Gullit who had been harrying *them* last summer for a new long contract.

Gullit, who said he had been rushed around Milan like a package, also interests Juventus, however, and they have already long since had talks with PSV about the half Surinamese player. Juve would plainly love dearly to put a spoke in Milan's wheel.

Their patron, Gianni Agnelli, is said to be very keen to bring Mark Hughes of Barcelona back together with Ian Rush, again.

As for Marco Van Basten, the other Dutch star whom Milan want, Barcelona have now apparently become keen as mustard. That would allow them to sell Hughes. We shall see.

What we are already seeing is resentment among the Milan players at the way the club's new President, the television millionaire Silvio Berlusconi, conducts himself.

Berlusconi, of course, is the boss of the contentious Channel 5, a channel whose output is said by its critics to be rather less than culturally distinguished, recalling the old saw of H. L. Mencken that no one ever went broke underestimating public taste.

Berlusconi has been publicity criticising the team and its long serving, greatly respected manager, Nils Liedholm, since before the Championship even started.

When Milan recently played Liam Brady's Ascoli — and lost, giving Ascoli their belated first home win of the season — the football correspondent of the Milanese daily newspaper *Il Giornale Nuovo* wrote a piece in which leading players sharply criticised Berlusconi.

It was set up in type, splashed over several columns, only for it to be "pulled" by the paper's celebrated editor, the writer and journalist Indro Montanelli.

His reason he said was that his reporter had not tape recorded the key interview, which was now being denied by the player who had given it, and neither had it been overheard by witnesses.

A group of sports journalists, bearing in mind the crucial fact that the paper's owner ws none other than Berlusconi himself, then published an attack on the alleged censorship.

At this, re-enter Montanelli, with an attack on his own proprietor, attacking him for the way he interfered with the club's business. Quite a brave thing to do. The trouble is that Berlusconi, like many a tycoon before him, wants success the day before yesterday.

It was bruited that he would like "Liddas" to step upstairs as general manager and make way for Fabio Capello, the man who scored Italy's first ever winner against England at Wembley, some years ago.

The cynics averred that this would suit Berlusconi, who might get more change out of Capello than he could out of Liddas. Needless to say the club's crude and insensitive greatly upset that model professional Ray Wilkins.

With every right, Wilkins said he was greatly put out to find only in the newspapers the intelligence that Gullit had been whisked into Milan for a medical (no one seriously entertained Gullit's feeble story that he'd been there on a sight-seeing trip).

Wilkins said he accepted the fact that Gullit was a better player and he would doubtless be on his way home in June.

Meanwhile he still had to play till June, and this was no way to treat a serious pro. Milan had showed scarce style. Amen to that.

"LIFE IS boring, we must not say so," wrote Louis MacNeice, the Irish poet; actually a rugby man who had doubtless seen too many rugby matches.

But this was the point which few people made about that atrocious, displeasing, bad tempered game in which Manchester United ended Arsenal's 22 match unbeaten run, last January.

It was appallingly dull, and the chief charge against it was that the football was so bad. As Oscar Wilde once said in court, when asked whether a certain book was immoral: "It was worse. It was badly written."

If anybody raised the tension to fever pitch, thus making it extra hard to play elegant football in a game which was already charged, it was certainly the young Ulsterman, Norman Whiteside,

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Italy: Albertosi, Leli, Onofri, Poletti, Scala, Roversi, Marini, Cucuredu, Altafini (Damiani), Boninsegna, Maraschi.
Argentina: Buttice, Mouzo, Cortez, Rocchia (Larrosa), Squeo, Berta (Albrecht), Brindisi (Zywicka), Babington, Mas, Gonzalez, Felman (Ceballos).

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West Germany (0) 0
Uruguay: W. Corbo, Roux (Caetano), Blanco, Gerolani, Noble, Cabrera, R. Silva, Maneiro, Castillo (Aires), Yanes (H. Silva), Morales (Lattuada).
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West Germany (0) 1 (Holzenbein)
Brazil: Renato, Djalma Dias, Alfredo, Eurico (Toninho), Gilberto, Carpegiani, Lola (Romeu), Rivelino, Cafuringa (Gil), Jairzinho (Dario), Edu.
West Germany: Kleff, Zembski, Kremers, Russmann, Müller (Wosab), Overath (Emmerich), Herzog (Geye), Gersdorf, Held, Seeler (Fischer), Holzenbein.

Argentina (2) 4 (Berta, Mas, Babington, Gonzalez)
Uruguay (0) 0
Argentina: Buttice, Mouzo, Cortez, Piris, Squeo, Berta, Brindisi, Babington (Larrosa), Gonzalez, Felman (Ceballos), Mas (Albrecht).
Uruguay: Corbo, Blanco, Gerolani, Amaro (Sandoval), Noble, R. Silva, Maneiro (H. Silva), Cabrera, Lattuada (Cruz), Yanes, Castillos (Aires).

Final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Brazil	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Uruguay	4	2	1	1	4	5	5
West Germany	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Italy	4	1	0	3	4	8	2

Reports from ERIC WEIL

ARGENTINA 1 WEST GERMANY 1

ARGENTINA were better in the first half, well led by midfielders Babington and Brindisi and attacked dangerously through Gonzalez — scorer of their goal after 12 minutes — Mas and fast Felman. The Germans relied a lot on midfielder Paul Breitner and forward Klaus Fischer, but the latter was well marked by Mouzo. West Germany fought back after the interval as the Argentines tired and their plan of holding on to their lead came unstuck eight minutes from the end when Kremers equalised. Argentine goalkeeper Buttice, his team's best player alongside Babington, was not to blame as Kremers was left alone in front of goal and looked almost offside.

BRAZIL 3 ITALY 0

ITALY, with their traditional man to man close marking, held the better Brazilians at bay until the 29th minute when a Rivelino free-kick was put into his own net by Italian defender Lelli. In the second half the Italians showed signs of fatigue as Brazil kept up the pressure with Rivelino and Dario heading further goals.

BRAZIL 0 URUGUAY 0

BRAZIL dominated for most of the match, but failed to breach a solid Uruguayan defence in a poor game. But Edu missed a sitter for Brazil with only seconds to go when he shot wide from point blank range after goalkeeper Corbo had failed to hold a powerful shot from Rivelino.

WEST GERMANY 2 ITALY 1

BREITNER gave the Germans a 1-0 half-time lead and Geye increased it after the break, but Italy fought back with 10 men after Amorini had been sent off and scored through Savoldi just before the end although they had rarely looked like winners.

ARGENTINA 3 BRAZIL 1

BRAZIL badly missed Rivelino as Argentina controlled the action after the first 10 minutes well backed by Babington. Gonzalez and Mas made it 2-0 for Argentina in the first half and Mas scored a third after 61 minutes, almost making it 4-0 a few minutes later before Jairzinho scored Brazil's goal six minutes from the end.

URUGUAY 2 ITALY 1

URUGUAY came from behind to win this match after each team had dominant periods in the first half. As Uruguay seemed to get on top after changes, Boninsegna shot Italy into the lead after 69 minutes — a lead his team tried to hold on to as they slowed down, but Yanes equalised after 73 minutes and Castillo scored the winner with six minutes to go.

ITALY 2 ARGENTINA 1

ALTAFINI headed Italy into the lead in their first attack after four minutes as he was left unmarked. Then Argentina had more of the ball and found little opposition in getting close to Italy's penalty area where an overmanned defence awaited them. Argentina's forwards lacked precision and midfielder Babington, again outstanding, came closest with long shots. Both teams were left with 10 men for the last 22 minutes, Poletti (It) and Gonzalez (Ar) being sent off and in Italy's only second half attack unmarked Damiani put his team further ahead before Babington scored Argentina's goal with a penalty two minutes from the end.

URUGUAY 2 WEST GERMANY 0

TWO goals scored by winger Yanes within seven minutes in the second half gave Uruguay victory, but there was not much in it, except that the South Americans seemed to stand the pace better, The Germans lined up Wolfgang Overath, 43, who had only arrived that morning from the cold winter in Europe, and Uwe Seeler, 50, who had played for his country in four World Cups.

ARGENTINA 4 URUGUAY 0

URUGUAY, topping the table before the game and assured of a final place even if they lost, but not by more than a goal, were not expected to go out so meekly, but Berta headed Argentina into the lead within seconds following a free-kick and Mas made it two after 19 minutes. Uruguay's chances faded further when they had Yanes sent off just before half-time. 10-men Uruguay fought back in an often slow and foul-interrupted game, but rarely got into shooting range. Babington, again outstanding, cleverly lobbed the ball over goalkeeper Corbo's head for No. 3 and Gonzalez scored the fourth.

BRAZIL 2 WEST GERMANY 1

IN this last round-robin match the winner was assured of a final place against Argentina (who had finished playing just before it started), but a draw would have eliminated both teams from a final place. And it looked like a draw for a long time except for two Rivelino free-kicks which hit the post and two West German shots which also came off a post — especially after the interval when torrential rain and a water-covered pitch made play almost imossible. Towards the end, when it stopped raining, West Germany seemed to have won when Holzenbein scored six minutes from the end. But Brazil did not give up with Romeu equalising three minutes later and Rivelino fittingly scoring the winner just before the end. He had again been Brazil's outstanding player.

PELE'S FINAL ENCORE?

ERIC WEIL and STEVE RICHARDS REPORT FROM SAO PAULO

A DARING experiment in public relations in Brazil in January added yet another tournament to the world football calendar.

Leaning on history for its appeal, the Mundialito for senior players over 34 from the only five double World Cup winners (Argentina — the victors — runners-up Brazil, West Germany, Italy and Uruguay) will be staged every two years.

In addition, the concept could spill over in some form to other Continents with the Far East and Europe currently making the loudest noises about the potential.

Even though it was called "the Pele Cup" and enticed "the King" to play the 90 minutes of the Brazil-Italy opener in Sao Paulo, the Mundialito could simply have flopped embarrassingly.

History may have its permanent jewels but the general public, as is known from Testimonial exhibitions around the globe, is not easily persuaded to commit time or money on the questionable pleasure of giving past reputations the kiss of life.

But any extended waistlines were minimised by the disciplined preparation of over 100 players who dusted down their eroding egos for the occasion.

And, most important, the tournament's interest-rating was kept high by media concentration (broadcast and print) before and during the two-week affair.

The Pele Cup was sponsored by Sao Paulo's TV Banderiantes, a relatively young Channel which shrewdly kept the games out of season and away from the bigger stadia, averaging around 40,000 per match (whatever were more optimistic estimates) with Sao Paulo's smaller Pacaembu the principal venue.

The Brazilian public, having become more disillusioned with their domestic and national teams than overseas disciples might concede, welcomed the nostalgic intrusion for one reason and another.

Brazil's Pele attempting to get past Italy's Mauro Bellugi in the first match of the Pele Cup tournament for players 34 and over. This was the only match in which Pele played and Brazil won 3-0.

ARGENTINA'S winning squad — *Goalkeepers:* Carlos Buttice 44, Carlos Rodriguez 34. *Defenders:* Carlos Squeo 38; Juan Carlos Piris40; Roberto Mouzo 35; Osvaldo Cortez 37; Rafael Albrecht 45; Juan Rocchia 35; Silvio Sotelo 35. *Midfield:* Carlos Babington 37; Miguel Brindisi 36; Orlando Berta 34; Carlos Veglio 40; Omar Larrosa 39; Roberto Zywica 40. *Forwards:* Pedro González 40; Dario Felman 35; Oscar Mas 40; José Luis Ceballos 34.

Some could boast to their sons that they had seen such as Pele, Rivelino and Clodoaldo at their peak as well as perhaps (for Italy) Albertosi, Facchetti, Boninsegna and the ageless Altafini, alias Massola; (for W. Germany) Overath, Seeler and Breitner; (for Argentina) Oscar Mas and Babington; and (for Uruguay) Morales, Maneiro and the Silvas, Hector and Ramon.

In any case, sons could now see some of their blessed fathers' idols in the flesh, albeit decelerated flesh!

Generation

"Also," said Julio Mazzei, former Santos trainer and (twice) New York Cosmos head coach, who prepared the senior Brazilians, "we wanted to give another dimension to football in Brazil . . . to bring back some joy . . . some happiness, yes, some of the lost art . . . if only for two weeks.

"Many of today's generation have seen Pele and others only on TV. Many foreigners seem to imagine that all is near perfect with our game today. Brazilians are far more realistic and critical."

There was certainly some joy in Pele's inspired return for that one game when the crowd vocalised its approval, chanting his name as of old; in the revived, if now stilted masterfulness of Rivelino; and in the showmanship of Oscar Mas.

In view of its ideals, the tournament was perhaps taken too seriously at times, influenced by national rivalries and a professional determination to win and earn their fees.

Pace was naturally limited which was welcome enough after too many years of "commuter rush" football, but in the end the more flexible Brazilians lost the final 1-0 to a defensive Argentina who were content to await their one real scoring chance.

"Brazil had 99 per cent of the game which was virtually played in Argentina's penalty area," said English-born coach Gordon Bradley. Head coach of N.Y. Cosmos when the club's then President, Clive Toye, signed Pele in the 70s, Bradley made the trip with his American business partner Stanley Bretner.

They are directors of the recently formed "International Professional Football Players Foundation Inc." (I.P.F.P.F.), which plans to assist needful ex-professionals (yes, there are still some away from today's salary explosion).

Bradley, now coaching University players in the U.S. capital, recalls: "One former great star in Europe — and I mean GREAT — ended up making tea for building site workers. Such a man we would help."

Final

Argentina (0) 1 (Felman)
Brazil (0) 0
Argentina: Buttice, Squeo, Piris, Mouzo, Cortez, Brindisi (Rocchia), Babington (Albrecht), Berta, Gonzalez, Felman (Ceballos), Mas.
Brazil: Renato, Eurico, Djalma Dias, Alfredo (Chicao), Toninho, Teodoro (Romeu), Carpegiani, Rivelino, Lola (Gil), Jairzinho (Dario), Edu.

FELMAN, the fastest man on the field, raced away to score the only goal two minutes after half-time, but a draw would have given Argentina the title due to their better goal difference in round-robin play. Brazil attacked much more with Rivelino being specially dangerous with free-kicks and Buttice being outstanding in the Argentine goal. Argentina's chances took a blow when Babington limped off with a torn muscle after 22 minutes, but they held on. Rivelino, and Brazil slowed down in the second half, but again pressed hard in the closing stages. Brazil had definitely played better in this final although commentators agreed that in the tournament overall Argentina had been the better team.

Goal scoring honours were shared by Pedro Gonzalez and Oscar Mas of Argentina and Jorge Yanes of Uruguay with three goals each.

The I.P.F.P.F. will form an all-star squad of senior players for exhibition games around the globe — called "the Football Ambassadors"— with proceeds going to Foundation ex-player members.

Bretner told *World Soccer*: "We have exposed the idea to players in the Pele Cup at a special meeting, and it was well received.

"Brazil has confirmed that there is a public appetite to see yesterday's big names in an era when individualism is less and less . . . when a Maradona is unique.

"Also, the Foundation's aim appeals to players and others associated with the game.

"While there is an impression of general wealth today there remain many ex-players, often forgotten, who still need support."

Whether the 46-year-old Pele will ever play again, either for his only Brazilian club, Santos, which, he says, has made overtures, for the Football Ambassadors or in future Pele Cups, is doubtful.

Condition

He had confided on his last day as a media man at the Mexico '86 Mundial: "I shall play again — at least once.

"People thought I was joking when I offered to play for Brazil here.

"But I was serious, and one day soon I want to show people how much."

That day was the Pele Cup opening when he confirmed his good condition, that he was still skilful plus intelligent enough to heavily restrict solo runs on a wet skidding surface which seemed to brake those unforgettable Pele sprints around the penalty area more than the years had done.

There was not a Pele goal. But he scored heavily with his unselfishness on the field and a realism a few days later in the privacy of his 1.5 million dollar home on the island of Guaraja:

"I had to play the 90 minutes — and well — to prove I still could after the offer to Brazil. I hope it was a success.

"But I know that, if I had played in more games and things had gone wrong, there would be less respect for me. So once was enough."

Who knows? The King, it seems, may well have taken his final encore.

ARSENAL BACK ON THE GLORY TRAIL

JIM HOOLEY LOOKS BACK ON THE HISTORY OF THE GUNNERS . . . PART ONE

SURPRISING as it may have been to find an inexperienced Arsenal side leading the First Division for more than half the season, nobody could argue that it is not appropriate.

Surprising, for not even the most optimistic fan could have predicted that George Graham in his first season as manager would have inspired young players such as Rocastle, Adams, Davis and Hayes to a potent blend of football, born of confidence and consistency. It has made them the team to beat.

Appropriate, for a trophy would put the icing on the centenary cake for one of England's most famous clubs. Was it not the Gunners who eventually swung power from the north in 1931 by becoming the first southern club to win the championship?

It is 16 years now since the south, and London in particular, produced the champions and then it was Arsenal in their double year with the self-same Graham making a major contribution with those silky and unruffled midfield skills which earned him the nickname of Stroller.

After moving on to Manchester United, he coached at Portsmouth and Crystal Palace, where he was influenced by Barcelona manager Terry Venables, and he served his managerial apprenticeship well by producing some quality football in the docks at Millwall.

Arsenal have a recent tradition of appointing former players to the manager's chair. Graham follows no less than six post-war — Tom Whittaker, Jack Crayston, George Swindin, Billy Wright, Terry Neill and Don Howe, whom he replaced last summer.

Yet, strangely enough, two men who were never good enough to pull on an Arsenal shirt are associated with their greatest successes.

Herbert Chapman, a journeyman wing-half in his playing days, was the genius who created the modern Arsenal and Bertie Mee, an undistinguished little winger, was the man behind the double.

Graham has handled the early pressure well and has been most impressive in not succumbing to the sirens of an inflated transfer market. How different from the heyday of the 1930s when Arsenal, under Chapman and then George Allison, were known as the Bank of England club, inspired by Charlie Buchan's £100-a-goal transfer, the £11,500 capture of the urbane David Jack from Bolton and the arrival of the legendary Alex James from Preston for £8,750.

The little Scot was actually cheap at the price and the big Lancashire clubs forced a League inquiry into the transfer, sensing sharp practice. But the truth was Preston were happy to kill their reputation as being a one-man team and the only inducement James received was the promise of a job at Selfridges.

How good were these all-time greats, now only misty memories for old men and to us grainy characters in old newsreels sporting centre partings, a sheepish smile and baggy shorts.

James, the creator behind Scotland's famous Wembley Wizards of 1928, was simply the best schemer of the inter-war years, blessed with uncanny vision and passing ability.

Buchan, who had walked out on Arsenal in 1909 over an expenses row, was 34 when he returned in 1926 an experienced England captain and still good enough to score 21 goals in his first season and leave egg on Arsenal's faces over that famous transfer. Sunderland wanted £4,000 for him but Arsenal offered £2,000 plus £100-a-goal.

More importantly, Buchan was the lieutenant Chapman needed on the field and his astute tactical ideas led to Arsenal making full use of the revolutionary offside rule change.

Jack, England's best-dressed footballer, was a master of style on and off the pitch. Scorer of the first Wembley goal in the 1923 Cup Final when Bolton beat West Ham 2-0, he was as automatic a choice in the England forward line as Gary Lineker is today.

Yet Chapman's big spending was only a symptom of his desire to build the greatest football club in the world and above all he was a believer in great players.

They usually cost money but many were discovered in the most unlikely places.

Dressing room joker Joe Hulme, the fastest winger of his day and a good Middlesex cricketer too, came cheaply from Blackburn.

Balding skipper Tom Parker, solid, reliable and the perfect NCO was a snip from Southampton. Herbie Roberts, who became the classic stopper centre-half, cost £200 from Oswestry.

Eddie Hapgood, brave as a lion and to form with George Male one of the finest club and country full-back partnerships, had played 12 games for Kettering, while Cliff "Boy" Bastin, a tactically astute winger with an ice-cool temperament, had played a handful of games for Exeter at 17 and was to win every honour the game had to offer by the time he was 21.

Had most of these players come on the market this season George Graham would probably have been trampled in the rush or they would be making their fortune in Spain or Italy.

Chapman's insistence on nothing but the best on and off the field — Highbury had a treatment room and a physio-trainer in Tom Whittaker the envy of every club in the land — brought Arsenal two FA Cups and five championships in eight years from 1930 and a standing in the game rivalled by perhaps only half a dozen clubs anywhere since.

By the outbreak of war Arsenal were the best supported, most successful and richest club in the world, even though Chapman died from pneumonia at the age of 56 in 1934.

He was a man out of his time. This clever son of an illiterate Yorkshire miner was the true, committed professional in an age when amateurism still held sway and directors picked the team.

Authoritarian, inspirational, knowledgeable, innovative, confident, outspoken and publicity-conscious even to the extent of having the nearby Underground station named after the club, Chapman perhaps has a modern equivalent in Brian Clough.

Before Chapman arrived, Arsenal were no more than a middling First Division side with no great Cup tradition but they had come a long way from what had been essentially a works side founded in 1886 as Dial Square by exiled Scots and northerners working in that section of the Woolwich Arsenal, then one of England's main munitions factories on the edge of rural Kent. Soccer was very much a minority sport in this rugby and cricket stronghold.

But it all started for Arsenal when 15 young men put in 6d each and David Danskin, their first secretary, added a substantial 3/- to buy a ball.

The famous red shirts — the distinctive white trim was later inspired by David Jack's golfing togs — were an old set from Nottingham Forest, obtained by goalkeeper Fred Beardsley, who had played for Forest. The first match? — a friendly against Eastern Wanderers across the river on the Isle of Dogs.

Ironically, Dial Square soon to become Royal Arsenal, Woolwich Arsenal for many years, then The Arsenal and finally just plain Arsenal never played a match in Woolwich, even before the big move across the Thames to Highbury in 1913. Their home matches were played in Plumstead.

The early history of the club is bound up with the inevitable but fiercely fought rise of professionalism in the staunchly amateur south and within six years they faced a major crisis after deciding to make the controversial broken payments to try and keep their best players. The London FA banned them from all their competitions, leaving them with friendlies and the FA Cup which was crucial to their financial well-being.

Two early exits led them into an abortive attempt to set up a southern professional league and the last throw was an application to join the fledgling Football League in 1893. As yet that did not have a member south of Birmingham.

But Arsenal were lucky. The league decided to enlarge their Second Division from 12 to 15 and with two teams dropping out the Gunners were elected together with two other famous names, Liverpool and Newcastle, the latter being their first-ever League opponents, a 2-2 draw for the record. Arsenal had applied at the right time.

It was the year Scotland went professional and the English League must have sensed that they would have to infiltrate the south if they were ever to grow. Arsenal's election was no doubt, too, a reward for their brave stand against the all-powerful London FA.

Once in, the years to the First World War were a struggle against geography and the rise of London's other pro sides. They made it to the First Division in 1904 and stayed nine years but never finished higher than sixth.

Two FA Cup semi-finals were the highlights in 1906-07 when they were denied firstly by the all-conquering Newcastle (five finals between 1905-11) and then Sheffield Wednesday.

This was the side that boasted Bill Garbutt, a winger, who was to become one of the most famous pioneers of European football. He was most closely associated with Genoa but also coached Roma and Napoli.

He also guided Athletic Bilbao to the Spanish Championship in 1935-36. Driven out of Spain by the Civil War, he returned to Italy where he was hidden by friends during the Second World War before taking up with Genoa again.

There was also goalkeeper Jimmy Ashcroft, Arsenal's first England international, plus centre-forward Bert Freeman and Scotland winger Bobby Tepleton in a fine forward line which drew crowds of 20,000. But when the team broke up it was all downhill and by 1910 Woolwich Arsenal were all but bankrupt.

Enter Henry Norris, later Sir Henry, a Mayor of Fulham and an MP who made his fortune as a property developer in south-west London. This tough businessman and sharp political animal, was hardly a knight in shining armour but, together with manager Chapman, represents the most influential men in the club's history.

Football was Norris's hobby and he wanted a club in the First Division. He was chairman of Fulham but had come to realise they were small-time. Tottenham and Chelsea were already taken over by powerful men in Charlie Roberts and Gus Mears so Arsenal, despite their geographical problem and lack of bank balance, were the next best.

When his plan to move Arsenal to Fulham and ground share was scotched, he had to make a choice. Arsenal it was, but within two years he and the club were facing a disaster after finishing bottom with only 18 points, 26 goals scored and three wins, the lowest-ever under the two-point system. There was also the princely sum of £13 in the bank.

The chairman's solution was not to find a new team but a new ground 12 miles away as the crow flies but a world away in terms of advantages. The site next to a college of divinity in Highbury was, for instance, in the centre of a big population and easy to reach by public transport.

It is testimony to Norris' influence and powers of persuasion that the move was made despite opposition from local residents, the local council, Tottenham and Clapton Orient, who were jealous of their territory, and powerful voices within the League. The First World War effectively put a stop to professional football but when it resumed in 1919, Sir Henry's next trick was almost breathtaking in its audacity.

Arsenal had finished fifth in the Second Division before the war but Norris, if he was to recoup some of his massive £125,000 Highbury outlay, needed the club in the First Division.

He proceeded to talk Arsenal into the First Division at Tottenham's expense. Somehow, he persuaded League president, "Honest" John McKenna, of Liverpool, to put Arsenal's case on the basis of longevity and long service, never a criteria for promotion before or since. But McKenna carried the meeting, Arsenal were in and Tottenham, who had finished bottom, were out.

No wonder the clubs were bitter rivals in the years to come and Norris, who made many powerful enemies, was actually drummed out of football ten years later after being found guilty of irregular financial dealings at Arsenal.

It was very much a case of chickens coming home to roost.

He was to die just six months after Chapman in 1934, still worth a million in modern terms, but he lived long enough to see the League Championship and FA Cup won by his club.

Until Chapman's arrival in 1925, Arsenal never threatened Tottenham's standing and had the new manager not been a match for his autocratic chairman, Arsenal may never have risen to such great heights.

Chapman's predecessor, Leslie Knighton, for instance, was expected to recruit local players, never spend more than £1,000 on a player and they had to be at least 5ft 8ins.

That would have ruled out Alex James for one! Chapman was 47 when Norris agreed to pay him a huge salary of £2,000, easily the best in the League.

The fact that Chapman had just led Huddersfield to successive championships (they were to make it the first-ever hat-trick in 1926), may have had something to do with his sudden rush of blood to the head.

Chapman arrived at an eventful time in English football, the summer in fact when the deadening offside rule was changed.

Previously it had taken three defenders to be between an attacker and goal to stay onside. Now it was to be two. It opened up the floodgates and Arsenal were to exploit the tactical opportunities to the full after some early embarrassments.

Following a 7-0 thrashing at Newcastle, skipper Charlie Buchan insisted, as he had been all season, that like Newcastle, Arsenal's free-ranging centre-half should drop back to become the third back. Chapman agreed and also decided to withdraw an inside-forward to fill the old centre-half role. Arsenal never looked back with refinements taking place all the time.

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River Plate

RIVER PLATE'S TITLES

Agentine first division (17): 1932, 1936, 1937, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1947, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1985 (now defunct)
Argentine national championship (3): 1975, 1979, 1981.
Libertadores Cup (1): 1985.
Intercontinental Cup (1): 1985.

ANGEL LABRUNA'S TITLES WITH RIVER PLATE (15)

As a player (9): 1941, 1942, 1945, 1947, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957 (all first division — the last at the age of 41)
As coach (6): 1975 (1st div & national), 1977 (1st div.), 1979 (1st div. & national), 1980 (1st div.).
Labruna, who played for River Plate for 27 years and coached them for seven, died in September, 1983.

ANGEL LABRUNA . . . one of River Plate's all-time greats.

from ERIC WEIL

SOUTH AMERICA's club team of the year in 1986 was certainly River Plate, but the mystery is that after being Argentina's most successful team for years — a country which has produced the contintent's best club teams consistently as is shown by their having provided 15 Libertadores Cup holders out of 27 — they managed to win the trophy for the first time only last year, then beating European champions Steaua Bucharest for the World Club Cup to gain the international recognition they would have often deserved in the past.

Club Atletico River Plate, to give the full name, are Argentina's largest all -sports soccer playing club with approximately 75,000 members the stadiums situated close to the banks of the River Plate in a suburb of Beunos Aires and they are the club who boast most domestic titles — 17 first division and three national — since the start of professional soccer here in 1931.

River Plate also the country's most popular club together with Boca Juniors with whom they have maintained a close rivalry ever since both clubs were founded almost within a stone's throw of each other in the Boca port district where mostly Italian immigrants live.

The fusion of two Boca district soccer teams — La Rosales and Santa Rosa — composed mostly of students, resulted in the formation of the Club Atletico River Plate, named after the river on the banks of which they also played then, on May 25, 1901 — a public holiday in Argentina because it was also on that day, almost a century earlier, that the country declared its independence from Spain.

The boys had little money and the cheapest playing shirts that could be bought were white, but as many of the teams at the time wore white — possibly for the same reason — the River Plate boys stitched red bands diagonally across them . . . and these are still the club's main shirt colours today.

Rapid Rise

The club became affiliated to the Argentine FA in 1905, entering a team in the third division from which they won promotion to the second division in their first season and in 1908 they gained further promotion to the first division after beating the already famous Racing Club in playoffs.

River Plate's rapid rise to prominence continued the following year when they were second in the first division behind the top team of the day, Alumni, and were also the only side who managed to beat them (1-0) that season.

The club moved to several loaned locations in the Boca district before building the best stadium in Buenos Aires at the time when their sporting success was also accompanied by a good financial position. A split in Argentine soccer in 1919 produced two leagues and River Plate won one of them — their first top title — the following year.

Title

In 1923 the now prosperous club moved away from the mostly poor Boca district to acquire a large portion of land in the more prosperous northern side of town on which installations for numerous sports were built apart from a new stadium. In 1931 another split in local soccer produced the first professional league which River Plate joined, winning the title for the first time the following year.

Their purchase of leading players, especially that of Carlos Peucelle at the then record fee of 10,000 pesos, brought them the nick-name "Millionarios" (millionaires) which has stuck to this day as the club continue to be heavily involved in the transfer market. But this does not mean that they have not produced their own great players through their many junior teams of all age groups.

Among the many famous players and teams they have produced, the best remembered is still that of the 1940's which was named "La Maquina" because it played like a machine — the players had come up through the junior ranks playing together — with a famous forward line composed of Muñoz, Moreno, Pedernera, Labruna and Loustau (or Deambrosi), the best-remembered of all being Angel Labruna because he was involved in so many of the titles won by the club.

It was Labruna who brought back the smiles to River Plate fans as coach of the team which won the first division in 1975 after an interval of 17 years — the longest period the club had ever been through without winning a title in professional soccer.

Just before that lean spell however they had taken the title three years running — a feat which only Racing Club had achieved before them and no club since . . . although River Plate themselves won both the first division and national championship in 1979 (for the second time) and the first division the following year for their third straight title. (Now the championships have been combined into one national league.)

Replay

More famous than Labruna throughout the world was Alfredo Di Stefano who had already found fame with River Plate as a goal-scoring centre-forward before moving to Real de Madrid.

The title River Plate could never win was that of South American champions — the Libertadores Cup — in spite of qualifying to play in the competition ten times before last year. Final appearances in 1966 and 1976 ended in frustration as first Uruguay's Peñarol and then Brazil's Cruzeiro met them — in both cases in a third replay — although River Plate had always given preference to the cup competition to the detriment of their league campaign.

Now, another 10 years later by coincidence, they were third time lucky, but on the previous 10 occasions they had usually been favourites to take the trophy. Often the pressure of fans, press and club officials seemed to be too much for the players — in spite of high bonuses offered — and the team failed at vital moments.

River Plate bought the land where their present club is situated in the northern Nuñez district of Buenos Aires in 1934 and their present "Monumental" stadium was inaugurated on May 26, 1938, and then enlarged with government funds as main venue for the 1978 World Cup Finals to its present 75,000-capacity making it the favourite venue for international matches.

To qualify for last year's Libertadores Cup, River Plate won the first division championship by 10 points. As Libertadores Cup holders they automatically enter this year's cup tournament at the semi-final stage, but they could also still win the new national league A title.

Although having played virtually all their league games with their reserves so far, they are eight points from the top with a game in hand and still have 15 games to play.

With their strong playing staff — even their reserves include a couple of Uruguayan internationals — and their obsession with the trophy, they could be Libertadores Cup holders for some time to come.

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GIANTS CHARTER

UEFA to make changes and introduce group games

THE SLOW fuse has started to burn on a development which could revolutionise the European Champions' Cup — which could, even, turn it eventually into the European club championship long envisaged by football futurists.

The catalyst was the second round draw this season which matched Spain's Real Madrid against Italy's Juventus: two of the greatest of clubs and, moreover, two of the favourites to reach this season's final in the rebuilt Prater stadium in Vienna.

Officials of both clubs and both countries were appalled. Officials of the European governing body, UEFA were none too pleased either.

In the event, Madrid beat Juventus in a penalty shoot-out after each team had won their home leg by 1-0. But the more significant results of that unlucky pairing have since emerged from behind the closed doors of top-level UEFA meetings in West Germany.

It is not that the European club competitions are any less glamorous than in days of old, or that spectators are fewer. Quite the reverse.

Last season's three competitions (the Champions' Cup, Cup-winners' Cup and UEFA Cup averaged 22,500 fans per match, an increase of four per cent on the previous season.

The increase would have been even greater if two major matches (Juventus v Verona and Celtic v Atletico Madrid) had not been played behind closed doors because of crowd trouble.

But . . . the guaranteed finance of a successful European run is becoming more and more important. Liverpool clearly demonstrates the point. Their officials never made any secret of the fact that the club's budget depended on the huge sums to be gained from a regular presence in Europe.

Had it not been for the horrors in the Heysel stadium in Brussels two years ago, Liverpool might not only still be in Europe but able to fight off Italian offers for top scorer Ian Rush.

Insead, of course, Rush is bound this summer for Juventus where European ambitions are still fact rather than fantasy.

In the 32 years since Frenchman Gabriel Hanot set the ball underway by launching, through his sports newspaper *L'Equipe*, the European Champions' Cup, there have been only two major modifications of the rules of competition.

The one was the replacement of play-offs by extra-time and penalty shoot-outs; the other was a measure of seeding to keep the major clubs apart in the first round.

Otherwise all three competitions proceed the familiar, two-leg knock-out format. If you are beaten in the first round that's that. Two matches and it's all over.

Which can be costly not only in the long term, but in the short. That's why UEFA, several years ago, created a hardship fund to reimburse the European minnows (from Scandinavia, Luxembourg, Cyprus and Malta, in the main) who find flight and hotel costs on their away leg far outweighing home leg receipts.

But that may soon be in the past.

UEFA have been considering restructuring the whole thing. Take the Champions' Cup as the prime example, with its usual, convenient, entry of 32 clubs.

Eight clubs would be seeded according to their own, and their nation's, European record.

They would head the lists of eight groups of four clubs. All clubs in each group would play each other home and away and the group winners would enter the quarter-finals.

Thus, each team would be guaranteed six matches. And that would not cause any programme problems throughout the European autumn, because UEFA already has fixture dates set aside for six matches in the early stages of the UEFA Cup.

Terry Venables, the English manager of UEFA Cup hopefuls Barcelona.

EAGER Igor Belanov leads Kiev Dynamo's campaign to extend their own particular brand of Cup-winners' Cup excellence to the Champions' Cup. Belanov, third Soviet star to be crowned as European Footballer of the Year (after Lev Yashin and Kiev colleague Oleg Blokhin), was outstanding last year in both the Kiev's Cup-winners' triumph over Atletico Madrid and then in the World Cup. In the second round of the finals in Mexico, Belanov scored a hat-trick against Belgium yet still finished on the losing side. A superb goal this last autumn against holders France in the European championship qualifiers in Paris added to his lustre. The Kiev side Belanov leads as a wide, attacking midfielder have long been the finest Eastern European side to grace the Champions' Cup. It was their misfortune to suffer repeatedly, however, from the crippling effects of the Soviet winter close-season. On no fewer than four occasions — in 1973, in 1976, in 1982 and in 1983 — they were unable to shake off the rust in time to hit their best for the Champions' Cup quarter-finals and were eliminated. In 1973 they were ousted by Real Madrid, in 1976 by Saint-Etienne, in 1982 by Aston Villa and in 1983 by Hamburg — as well as going down to Borussia Mönchengladbach in the semi-finals in 1977. Will Belanov's Kiev be any better prepared this time? Kiev have kept active in some West German indoor events and most of their players were involved in a Soviet national team training trip to Italy, which featured a 1-0 victory over Roma in the Olympic Stadium. But, most important for their European ambitions, Kiev have been granted the luck of the draw. The quarter-finals have matched them against the weakest team remaining, Besiktas of Istanbul. In fact the Turks reached the quarter-finals thanks to a second-round walkover when Cypriot opponents APOEL were prevented from turning up by their own government. Belanov is cautiously optimistic of winning the Champions' Cup in the remodelled Prater Stadium in Vienna in May. Kiev have beaten Beroe Stara Zagora of Bulgaria (1-1, 2-0) and Celtic (1-1, 3-1) to get this far.

WORLD SOCCER

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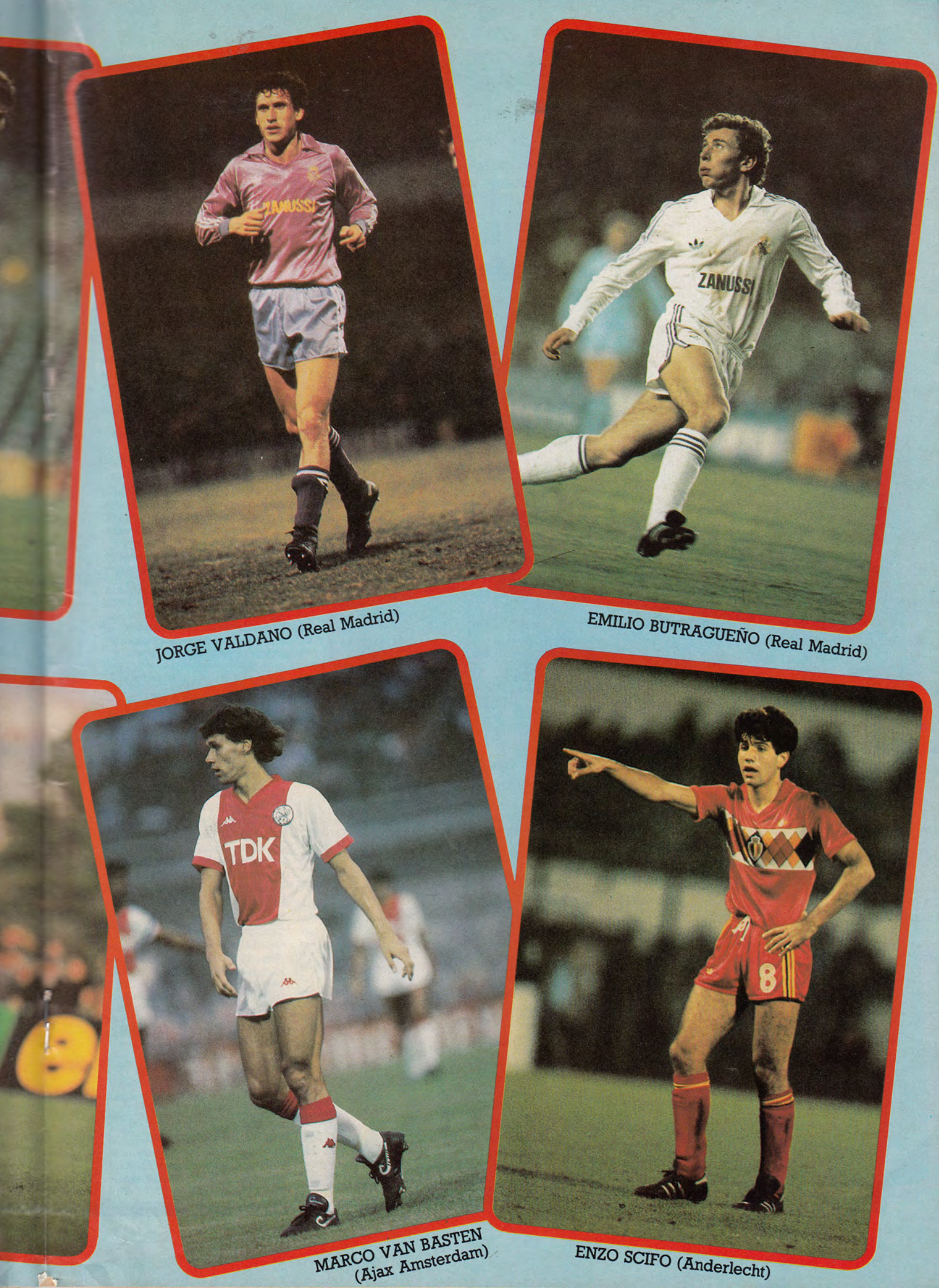

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UEFA monitor England

THEY don't come much tougher than Daniel Passarella, whose iron-hard tackling and eye for a goal makes him the key to Internazionale's UEFA Cup bid. Passarella, Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning captain, is now 33. He has played 72 times for his country but admits that one of the major disappointments of his career was not being able to take an active part out on the pitch in the Mexico campaign last year. One reason was a virulent attack of Montezuma's Revenge just before the finals, compounded by a muscle strain in training because he was trying too hard to prove he was fit to return to duty. But Passarella also lays some of the blame at the door of manager Carlos Bilardo, whom he later accused of being merely a puppet under Argentine Federation president, Julio Grondona. That World Cup upset is a large part of the reason why Passarella, rather than retire this year as planned, says he wants to play one further season with Internazionale. He wants to distance himself from Mexico . . . and maybe collect a few extra medals. Inter are the most threatening challengers to Italian league leaders Napoli and might still make it into next season's Champions' Cup. In the meantime, Passarella and Co have their eyes on European glory via the UEFA Cup. Only Roma, all the way back in 1961, have ever won the third European club competition (the Fairs Cup, as it was then) for Italy. Inter themselves, have been missing from European finals ever since their 2-0 defeat by Ajax in the Champions' Cup final in 1972 in Rotterdam. Previously Inter had, in the mid-1960s, epitomised the mean, water-tight Italian defensive system of catenaccio. They won the world and European club crowns in 1964 and 1965 and were European Cup runners-up in 1967 to Celtic. Now they face IFK Gothenburg, former UEFA Cup-winners but suffering a major handicap because they emerge to face Inter having hardly returned to action in the new Swedish championship. Inter have so far beaten AEK Athens, Legia Warsaw and Dukla Prague. They believe they need worry seriously about only two other survivors — Barcelona and Borussia Mönchengladbach. Certainly, fellow Italians, Torino, do not worry them. Why should they?

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From the quarter-finals onwards, the traditional two-leg knockout formula would apply.

It is, in effect, a Giants' Charter, favouring the big clubs rather than the small. It also has a major drawback where the quality of football is concerned.

The current knockout formula gives the competitions much of their glamour and attraction. The danger of a group set-up, as the first round of the World Cup finals always demonstrates, is in providing an excuse for safety-first football which drives away the spectators, rather than attracting them.

Occasions

Such a scheme would also deprive Europe of those thrilling occasions on which teams, driven by pride and ambition, have battled back against huge odds to turn a tie around.

One has to think only of Real Madrid's epic comebacks in recent years from seemingly impossible deficits against Anderlecht and Borussia Mönchengladbach in the UEFA Cup; or Barcelona's recovery against Sweden's IFK Gothenburg in the semi-finals of last season's Champion' Cup.

There is much, in theory, to be said in favour of fair play. But is was in falling over themselves to be fair, that FIFA created so much second-round, group-match boredom in the World Cups of 1974, 1978 and 1982. They learned their lesson in time for Mexico. UEFA should take note.

Where do the ostracised English figure in all of this? Is there any prospect of a return to Europe for Liverpool, Everton and the rest? Not at the moment.

It is not merely a question of whether the English are controlling hooliganism at home, but rather a signal that they are prepared to control the export of the mob violence which reached that disastrous climax in Brussels.

Do not doubt Europe's wish to see England back in the old fold. English clubs draw big crowds but UEFA president Jacques Georges holds out little hope of the indefinite suspension being lifted in the immediate future.

He says: "I would wish to see English clubs back in our European competitions as soon as possible. But I think it's premature to talk about next season.

Premature

"I know that the problem has been tackled vigorously within the English game and I was impressed to learn of the police raids recently to arrest people alleged to be ring-leaders among the hooligans. That shows that there is a political will to deal with the problem.

THE QUARTER FINALS

Champions' Cup
Bayern Munich v Anderlecht
Besiktas v Kiev Dynamo
Red Star Belgrade v Real Madrid
FC Porto v Brondby

Cup-winners' Cup
Zaragoza v Vitosha Sofia
Malmo FF v Ajax Amsterdam
Bordeaux v Torpedo Moscow
Lokomotiv Leipzig v Sion

UEFA Cup
Dundee Utd v Barcelona
Borussia Mg v Vitoria Guimaraes
Torino v FC Tirol
IFK Gothenburg v FC Internazionale

Ties to be played on March 4 and 18

"But while it is a step forward, it relates only to the domestic problem not to a control on those trouble-makers who would travel to the continent with their teams. We have yet to see any serious effort, on the part of either the government or the clubs, to solve this side of the coin.

"It's very impressive to see the development of the use of video cameras inside English stadia to prevent trouble. But that cannot be extended to control the travelling hooligans. You have to think back only as far as last autumn, and the trouble on the cross-Channel ferries, to see that."

Monitor

Since November 1985 a hush-hush three-man commission, appointed by UEFA has travelled the length and breadth of England to monitor hooligan control.

One member of the commission is Swiss, the other two are English. It is understood tht their two reports last year informed UEFA that hooliganism had been reduced, but not sufficiently for them to recommend lifting the ban. Georges says that even when a comback is considered, only the English champions and cup-winners may at first be allowed back into Europe to test the waters.

And he also has this warning regarding England's current participation in the European championship: "The English must know what is expected of them.

At the first sign of major trouble from their supporters, at the qualifying matches or even in the finals in West Germany, England's team will be excluded."

The prospects for England's clubs would then, of course, disappear right over the horizon.

Clive Allen, top scorer for Tottenham but kept out of the England team by Gary Lineker.

GARY LINEKER'S brilliantly opportunist performance for England in Madrid sparked off the usual wave of euphoria by those who at the drop of a hat are just as willing to crucify team manager Bobby Robson.

Lineker, undoubtedly a jewel in England's crown, made scoring look easy, finishing with four against a strangely lethargic Spanish defence in wintery conditions more suited to the visitors.

Lineker, modest man that he is, was quick to insist that any of the praise heaped upon England be shared amongst his colleagues, particularly the industrious Peter Beardsley and the mercurial Glenn Hoddle.

Hoddle, displaying his full array of skills now that he is the key midfield man, rather than merely a supporting actor to the likes of Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson, was superb but it is Beardsley about whom manager Robson waxed most lyrical.

It is less than a year ago, of course, that Robson preferred the target man approach with the infinitely less talented Mark Hateley as Lineker's partner.

Who knows what England might have achieved in the Mexico World Cup had Beardsley been given an extended run prior to the team's departure for warm-up games in the USA.

Lineker, with 18 goals in just 21 internationals, nevertheless grabbed all the tabloid headlines in England.

Lineker's goals will be worth £2½ million each screamed* The Sun, *putting a £10 million price tag on his head should Italian giants Juventus attempt to prise him away from Barcelona.

Geoff Hurst, the hat-trick hero of England in the 1966 World Cup Final against West Germany, claimed in* The Star *that Lineker is better than was Jimmy Greaves.

Lineker's display in Madrid prompted others to call him the world's greatest goalscorer, but then the English have a habit of dishing out such accolades without much thought.

Peter Shilton is just the latest in a long line of English goalkeepers rated "the best in the world".

But beneath the wild extremes of adulation lies the rich potential of the current England team, at last putting an emphasis on the style of play required to succeed on the world stage.

And that is why Lineker is so special. He is one of the few England players in recent years to perform as well for his country as his club. And when that means a hat-full of goals, then maybe we should rejoice.

It is early days yet, of course, and the acid test will come in the European Championship. But at least Bobby Robson, in some areas more by accident that design, has a side that can give us real confidence for the future.

WORLD SOCCER NEWSDESK in WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA and SWITZERLAND

What next for Franz?

Reports from ARTHUR ROTMIL

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, the team chief who led West Germany to runners-up spot in the World Cup, is now preparing for the European Championship finals to be staged in eight West German cities between June 10 and 25 next year.

Beckenbauer has extended his contract with the DFB until 1990, but at the moment he has no idea what he will do then.

At 41 he has already achieved a lot as a player; few footballers in the world have been more successful, certainly no one in Germany.

As an old-time great on the field of play, can he become an all-time hero as a manager?

Kaiser Franz, looking back at Mexico, says: "I could have been the big loser in the world championship, if we had been eliminated earlier. The media would have crucified me."

Beckenbauer, whom DFB president Hermann Neuberger describes as a "lucky stroke for German football", a loser?

Well, the fact is that he thought about the possibility in hindsight, either on his golf course in Kitzbühel (Austria) where he lives, or while managing the World XI in Pasadena for last summer's Unicef game.

He admits to having made mistakes, beginning with the much-publicised statement in Mexico's training camp at Morelia when he said: "We can't win the World Cup."

The surprised journalists made a lot of that spontaneous remark. Some attacked him for undermining the squad's confidence.

One accused him of "abdicating his fame", after Beckenbauer had allowed himself to become involved in a slanging match with the Mexican journalist Miguel Hirsch on television and was not exactly choosy with words.

Other papers, too, were even less complimentary in the assessment of Kaiser Franz's performance on the small screen.

But he remains unrepentant — "I tried to protect my team just as any other manager would have done. I tried to prevent any damage to their morale and this surely was my duty."

Beckenbauer, once as "libero" the virtuoso on the ball, was still fencing defensively as a PRO.

But the success in Mexico probably saved his managerial career, for the time being, and his image received a new boost.

That he is highly popular once more is reflected in the colossal postbag and the steady demands for autographs, not forgetting the queue of sponsors offering lucrative contracts.

"I underestimated the power of the spoken word," he says. "As a player I was just one of many, but as a team boss I am obviously the representative of West German football."

Another admitted mistake was his outburst at the Italian referee Luigi Agnolin, after the 4-1 defeat by Austria last October. He says: "I should have bitten my lip and not lost my cool. I was determined after Mexico to become quiet and more rational. I really must learn to keep my mouth shut."

But perhaps his biggest blunders were not tactical deployment, or the choice of players — "I would even today still have left Gründel, Buchwald, Funkel and Mill at home ('my worst moment') and still asked Matthäus to mark Maradona in the final — my biggest error was to permit the journalists to live in the same hotel as the squad.

"For the European Championships we shall be separated and train once again in a sports school. We will no longer be observed, spied upon, checked out, scrutinised, etc.

"The worst were the scandal magazines who were not interested in considering what damage they are doing to our football.

"They even reported 'exclusive' stories when there weren't any. Only the quarrel between Schumacher and Rummenigge was newsworthy.

"When I think how in 1974, at home, the row broke out over bonuses, how Paul Breitner was all ready to pack his bags and go home — my God, there was something going on every day.

"It could have provided the gutter press with material for months, but not in 1986."

Beckenbauer has high hopes for the immediate future: "Matthäus is becoming the personality in midfield that I need; Rahn, Thon and Frontzeck — this is the coming generation for a hopeful future."

But he rejects any speculation about the European Championship team composition. "Well, if the tournament was to start today, we would put Schumacher in goal, Berthold at right full-back, then Hörster, Augenthaler or Herget as 'libero' — I don't know, we'll have to see about the rest." The new team has to mature so he has arranged a series of friendlies to compensate for the lack of competitive qualifying fixtures.

The programme starts on March 25 with the first senior match against Israel in Tel Aviv.

Planned

Then follow games against Italy in Cologne on April 18, France in Berlin on August 12; England in Düsseldorf on September 9; Denmark in Hamburg on September 23; Sweden at a venue yet to be fixed, on October 14; Hungary in Budapest on November 18 and Switzerland in Kaiserslautern on March 23, 1988.

In addition, a four-nation tournament is planned for Berlin in April 1988, but it appears that UEFA are not too keen on such showpieces which could devalue their own competition.

Beckenbauer was also in the headlines having come out in favour of replacing a throw-in with a free kick and experimenting with two referees.

Never before in the Bundesliga have referees endured so much criticism and abuse as in the first half of this season. Last term the number of sendings-off shot up by 50 per cent as compared to the worst record.

In 1982-83, 21 players were shown the red card, in 1985-86 there were 31. A number of players suffered bad injuries which forced some to give up their careers, while the culprits got off scot-free, mainly because the referees failed to spot and didn't punish the brutal fouls.

General opinion is that a number of referees pushing 50 are no longer physically able to follow the pace of a modern match.

Some team managers, among them Erich Ribbeck of Bayer Leverkusen who claims tha he advocated the use of two referees 20 years ago, would like to see each half of the field controlled by one referee — "I am convinced that this will come much sooner than many people think".

Beckenbauer agrees: "The referees have always been exposed to criticism and will always remain so. Because the game is constantly getting faster the condition and stamina of the referees suffer.

"We should certainly experiment with two officials, perhaps during tournaments or friendly games during the summer break. One referee can be responsible for each half of the pitch. The problems would not be solved, but certainly diminished."

But the proposal that players guilty of committing bad fouls should be suspended for as long as the victim is out of action, has not met with approval.

Willi Lemke, the business manager of Werder Bremen, asks: "What would happen if a player is put out of action for good. Should the opponent who caused the injury also be thrown out of the game?"

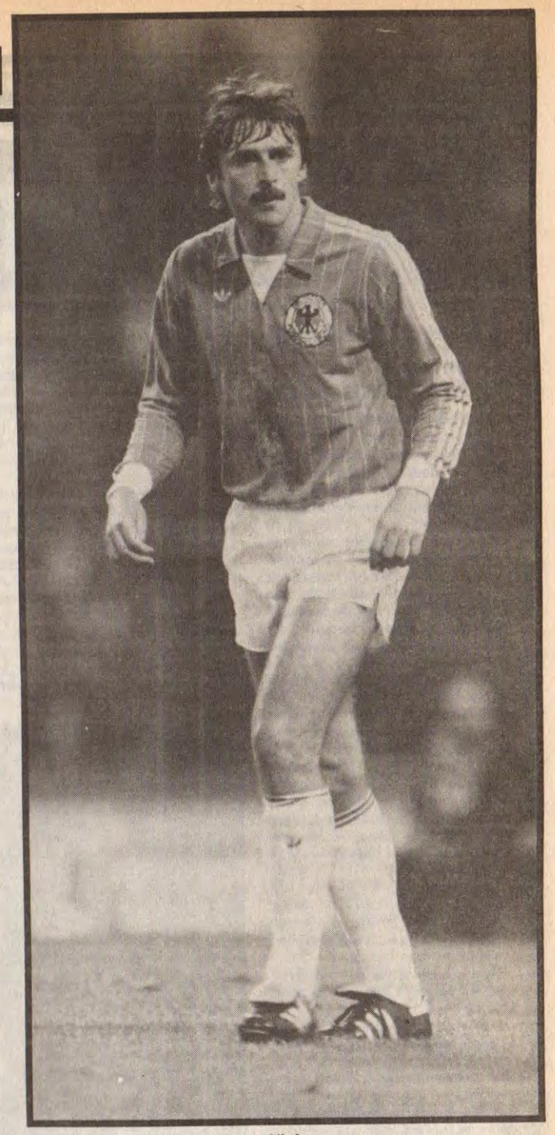
The suggestion that a free kick should replace the throw-in is certainly interesting. Beckenbauer thinks that throw-ins are "boring"; a free kick from the touchline "would speed the game up".

WEST GERMANY

Mar 14 — Schalke v Homburg; Borussia Dortmund v Waldhof; Koln v Bayern Munich; Nurnberg v E. Frankfurt; Hamburg v Bochum; Kaiserslautern v Werder Bremen; Stuttgart v Uerdingen; Borussia Mg v BW Berlin; Fortuna Dusseldorf v Leverkusen.

Mar 21 — Bochum v Kaiserslautern; Bayern v Nurnberg; Leverkusen v Koln; Waldhof v Dusseldorf; Homburg v Dortmund; Uerdingen v Schalke; BW Berlin v Stuttgart; Bremen v Borussia Mg; Frankfurt v Hamburg.

Mar 28 — Dusseldorf v Homburg; Koln v Waldhof; Hamburg v Bayern; Kaiserslautern v Frankfurt; Borussia Mg v Bochum; Schalke v Stuttgart; Dortmund v Uerdingen; Bremen v BW Berlin; Nurnberg v Leverkusen.



Klaus Allofs

SWISS WAGES SHOCK

SWISS FOOTBALL is still smarting from the disclosures made in a nationwide television programme that the wages of the footballers in this money-conscious land have doubled in the past four years.

The trend was started by Servette Geneva and Neuchatel Xamax. Out of 330 players in the Nationalliga 'A' (First Division) about a third are supposedly earning up to £33,000 a year.

About a hundred others make £50,000. A further 100 collect up to £66,000. Some 20 footballers are paid over £83,000 — including performance bonuses.

TV named the big earners and their annual income. Two economics experts Kurt Brandenberger and Jürg Wildberger claimed to have gained insight into the usually concealed soccer salaries.

Because not all the sources of income are included in the players' contracts, it is not easy to establish exactly who earns what.

Despite the fact that signing-on fees are officially banned, it is no secret that during transfer negotiations amounts of between £3,300 and £33,000 are changing hands under the table.

In addition, some footballers have it entered in the written agreement that when they change clubs they either collect the transfer fee themselves, or a percentage of it.

There are a number of professional footballers in Switzerland who are free from any contract and thus allowed to keep the whole of the projected transfer fee for themselves.

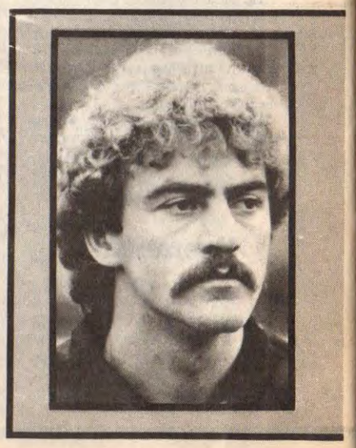
In the case of some of the big earners, including some managers, the accommodation rent, car expenses and taxes are paid for by the clubs.

Furthermore, it is known that some players in addition to a lucrative contract also receive a small holiday home.

The disclosures caused a rumpus among the Swiss soccer fraternity. Denials and threats of libel actions were flying around, but thus far no one could furnish any proof to the contrary, other than vague statements claiming the figures were grossly exaggerated.

This remember in a country where, until recently, full-time professional football was not even officially recognised.

Certainly the authorities took a long time after granting the imported foreigners the status of pros, before finally accepting their own citizens as big football earners.



DOUBLE SUCCESS BOOSTS AUSTRIA

THE AUSTRIAN national team retrieved a lot of goodwill among its earlier sorely tried fans when they beat Albania in a European Championship qualifier by 3-0 and then West Germany 4-1 in a friendly in their last two matches.

The manager, Yugoslav-born Branko Elsner replied to his critics by discarding all foreign 'legionnaires'.

For the first time in seven years the Austrians fielded a team composed entirely of home-based players and they responded with a vastly improved performance.

Reserved exiles included Walter Schachner from Italy's Avellino while Bruno Pezzey (Werder Bremen) was injured.

Newcomers like Jürgen Werner (Voest Linz) in midfield, Gerhardt Piesinger (Linz) in defence and Andreas Ogris (FK Austria) in attack took their chance and impressed with their ambition and commitment. Ogris in fact hit the opening goal against Albania.

This win has reopened the door in European group one. The favourites Spain began with two wins, while the Austrians had earlier crashed 4-0 to Rumania in this four-team section.

The Austrians' next match against Spain on April 1, in Vienna, will be vital if the Austrians are to win the group to make it into the finals in West Germany next year.

The national side has a new assistant manager in Josef Hickersberger, 38, who has replaced controversial Gustl Starek as Branko Elsner's right hand man.

Hickersberger, who played 39 times for his country, among others in the 1978 World Cup finals, has only to pass examination to obtain an A-coaching licence to be confirmed in office.

Elsner meanwhile has persuaded the OFB officials to accept a plan aimed at improving ball technique of youngsters.

Boys up to the age of 12 will play for their teams in specially devised courses in which the game is played across the normal soccer pitch.

"We've tried this method out and feel that the boys have more contact with the ball than by playing up and down the field" was Elsner's explanation of his "revolutionary" idea.

Needless to say the majority of coaches want nothing to do with it.

WORLD SOCCER NEWSDESK in ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL

Terry's date at Wembley

by Keir Radnedge

TERRY VENABLES is still hoping that Diego Maradona, the world's top footballer, will lead out the Rest of the World in the English Football League centenary match at Wembley on August 8.

Barcelona boss Venables has jumped at the offer to select and manage the World team for a Very Special Occasion in the domestic game. His all-stars will face a Football League XI chosen by England manager Bobby Robson.

Venables arrived at Barcelona just as Maradona was leaving for Napoli in the summer of 1984 and still regrets missing the opportunity to work with the Argentine World Cup captain.

Now, at last, Venables intends to put that right for one afternoon. Maradona is the one player guaranteed his place in the Rest of the World line-up . . . if he is available.

Maradona and other top European stars could be ruled out of the Wembley game through fixture clashes but Venables says:

"He is a great player and great players thrill to great occasions like this.

"Of course obtaining the release of all the players we want will not be a simple matter and this is something we will start working on as soon as possible."

Already Venables has made it clear he intends picking a side to win rather then merely put on a show.

And British fans might be surprised to learn that at the moment he does not think either his own Gary Lineker from Barcelona or Ian Rush (Liverpool/Juventus) would squeeze into the Rest of the World team.

As a starting point for negotiations Venables envisages a team something like this Dassyev (Sov. Union) — Josimar, Julio Cesar (Brazil) Oscar Ruggeri (Argentina), Amoros (France) — Gullit (PSV Eindhoven), Fernandez (France), Lerby (Denmark) — Butragueño (Spain), Van Basten (Holland) and Maradona (Argentina). First-choice reserves would include Morten Olsen (Denmark), Lineker (England) Careca (Brazil) and Laudrup (Denmark).

The Wembley match is just the curtain-raiser for the Football League's centenary season, which is being sponsored by the Mercantile Credit finance company.

BURKINSHAW NEW BOSS OF SPORTING . . .

KEITH BURKINSHAW, the manager who rocked English football with his capture of Osvado Ardiles and Ricardo Villa in 1978 and who then guided Tottenham to UEFA Cup success inb 1984, is new boss of Sporting Lisbon, writes KEIR RADNEDGE.

Burkinshaw, whose most recent appointment was as national manager to Bahrain, succeeds Manuel Jose, who was dismissed after Sporting were held to a goalless draw at home in the league by struggling Rio Ave.

That result left Sporting fourth in the table, seven points behind leaders and neighbours Benfica.

Even Sporting's staggering 7-1 thrashing of Benfica a few weeks earlier was not enough to save Manuel Jose, one of the brightest young coaches in Portugal and who was quickly snapped up by relegation-threatened Braga.

These were not the only coaching changes in mid-season. At Boavista, the UEFA Cup defeat by Glasgow Rangers suddenly turned the pressure on former international midfielder Joao Alves.

He announced his intention of resigning at the end of the season and then suddenly, mysteriously, decided to go ahead of time. Boavista, just below halfway in the table, immediately appointed Jose Torres, Portugal's World Cup manager in Mexico last year.

There was consternation among federation officials that Torres had broken some unwritten agreement by returning to the public eye so soon after the World Cup disaster.

But Torres insisted that returning to the club world was necessary to help him complete his "recovery" from the Saltillo pay row fiasco.

Torres added: "I have only one regret: I should have resigned as soon as the money troubles began.

PORTUGAL

Mar 1 — Boavista v Benfica; Elvas v Guimaraes; Farense v Chaves; Maritimo v Rio Ave; Varzim v Salgueiros; Porto v Academica; Braga v Portimonense; Sporting v Belenenses.

Mar 15 — Guimaraes v Benfica; Chaves v Elvas; Rio Ave v Farense; Salgueiros v Maritimo; Academica v Varzim; Portimonense v Porto; Belenenses v Braga; Sporting v Boavista.

Mar 22 — Boavista v Guimaraes; Benfica v Chaves; Elvas v Rio Ave; Farense v Salgueiros; Maritimo v Academica; Varzim v Portimonense; Porto v Belenenses; Braga v Sporting.

Gary Lineker

Italy's new breed

from Jane Nottage

BY THE time Italy host the 1990 World Cup names like Mancini, Giannini, Francini, Donadoni, Ferri and Maldini may trip off our lips as readily as melted butter.

These are the youngsters whose outstanding talent has already attracted comment from fellow professionals and who are being schooled for great things in the next few years.

Many like Paolo Maldini are serving their apprenticeships in the under 21s, whilst others like Giuseppe Giannini, Goivanni Francini, Roberto Donadoni and Riccardo Ferri have already made it to the big time in the senior side.

Out of all the newcomers there are three who, in particular, have already made their mark towards a bright future — Giannini, Ferri and Donadoni.

If you believe in these things, one may say that their meteoric rises were predicted in the stars. Both Giannini and Ferri were born on the same day, August 20 a year apart (Ferri in 63 and Giannini a year later), so making them ambitious Leos. Giuseppe Giannini, born in Rome, is Roma's playmaker and also first choice for the national team.

When he was 15 Roma nearly lost him to Milan, where he went for a trial after having impressed the great Gianni Rivera, who saw him as his natural heir. But after only five days Roma president Dino Viola carried out one of his famous cloak and dagger operations, swooping in to take him back to Roma where he has indeed grown to fulfill expectations.

Ferri is also living up to a high reputation. Inter's centre half, he has now moved in to take his place in the national team.

In fact on his debut against Malta he scored a goal after only 11 minutes of play. He earned his second full cap in the 5-0 win in the return match.

His main qualities lie in his ability to anticipate and intercept, he has matured considerably in the past year under the guidance of Inter's new manager Giovanni Trapattoni who, he says, has "helped me to develop as a player and as a person."

He has yet to have the chance to show his skills against a strong opposing team like West Germany or Spain but it is general opinion that he will pass the test with flying colours.

Last member of the trio is Donadoni of Milan. Donadoni is currently acknowledged as the creative midfield genius in Italian football.

Also an ex-Under-21 he puts his success down to the fact that in the national team "I'm given a lot more freedom to go where I want to go and play the ball as I see best." He adds: "If I were less restricted at AC Milan, I think it would be better for me and the team."

Francini plays for Torino. A highly versatile player he covers all defence positions and scores goals, which can't be bad in Italy.

Another from the Under-21 school, he is expected to appear regularly in the national side within the next year or two.

Roberto Mancini, striker for Sampdoria, has become renowned for his technical skills. He needs to score more goals but his technical superiority is such that Juventus patron Gianna Agnelli recently went to the Torino-Sampdoria match just to see him and Torino youngster Francini in action.

Only 18, Paolo Maldini, AC Milan's left back is still in the Under-21 team, where he is a leading light under his father, Cesare Maldini who is also the team manager. Disappointed by the failure of the under-21s in the European Cup when they went out on penalties, he is hoping to achieve glory this year.

However, as bright as these new young stars may be individually they must still gel as a team and this is a problem with the national team as it undergoes a metamorphosis with new talent coming in to replace the old.

But by the time World Cup fever grips us again in about three years time, these names should be as familiar as Rossi, Tardelli and Conti were in 1982.

According to the media here most of the world's top players are on their way to Italy. Separating truth from fiction it appears that Milan, after a few ups and downs with PSV Eindhoven and fellow Italian club Juventus who were also said to want him, have bought Dutch "paymaker" Ruud Gullit.

He will be one of of the two new foreigners at AC Milan the other will be Gullit's national team-mate Marco Van Basten or possible Argentinian Claudio Borghi.

Werder Bremen striker Rudi Voeller is said to be on his way here and English agent Dennis Roach was spotted making a dawn raid on Turin to have a secret meeting with Juventus President Giampiero Boniperti (so secret it was front page news for *La Gazzetta dello Sport!*). It was said that the main reason for his trip was to discuss Mark Hughes as a possible striking partner for fellow Welshman Ian Rush next year.

In spite of the fact that Naples was brought to a standstill by snow — some parts were even left without electricity — the city celebrated as Napoli became "Winter Champions" at the end of the first half matches in the league championship.

Diego Maradona managed to bring the whole of Italy to fever pitch as, after a kick on the ankle during the match at home against Brescia, he collapsed in agony and proclaimed that the old injury from Spain had returned.

Next day after an examination he was declared fit and well and left for Tokyo where he played in a charity match for Unicef.

On his return he created even more of a furore by making a surprise attack on some of his colleagues including Internazionale's manager Giovanni Trapattoni and leading goalscorer Alessandro Altobelli and ex-team-mate Daniel Passarella saying everyone was jealous of Napoli.

The cold weather has certainly done nothing to cool tempers. One of Maradona's team-mates Andrea Carnevale verbally attacked Napoli team manager Ottavio Bianchi saying he has lost enthusiasm for the job, while at Torino Braeivi Junior was fined a maximum £2,500 for his choice phrases to his manager Radice after the Verona game which Torino lost 2-1.

The snow produced some moments of amusement as well. Forced inside, Internazionale took up basketball as a form of training and showed considerable promise while French superstar Michel Platini hitched to the stadium for a Juventus training session when his car got stuck at home!

ITALY

Mar 1 — Ascoli v Atalanta; Como v Avellino; Juventus v Fiorentina; Inter v Milan; Brescia v Roma; Napoli v Sampdoria; Empoli v Torino; Verona v Udinese.

Mar 8 — Juventus v Ascoli; Udinese v Brescia; Fiorentina v Como; Milan v Empoli; Sampdoria v Inter; Atalanta v Napoli; Roma v Torino; Avellino v Verona.

Mar 15 — Como v Ascoli; Torino v Atalanta; Udinese v Avellino; Verona v Fiorentina; Inter v Juventus; Brescia v Milan; Napoli v Roma; Empoli v Sampdoria.

Mar 22 — Sampdoria v Brescia; Juventus v Como; Roma v Empoli; Fiorentina v Milan; Inter v Napoli; Avellino v Torino; Ascoli v Udinese; Atlanta v Verona.

Mar 29 — Fiorentina v Ascoli; Como v Atalanta; Brescia v Avellino; Verona v Empoli; Torino v Inter; Napoli v Juventus; Udinese v Roma; Milan v Sampdoria.

LINEKER THE HERO

"I'M honestly happier with the team's victory than I am with my personal success, I really don't know if I will go down in history for this. Perhaps so, given the strength of the rivalry between these two clubs."

These were the modest words of Gary Lineker after his devastating hat-trick had lifted Barcelona to a memorable 3-2 home win over Real Madrid.

It had been one of the most exciting Barca-Real clashes for years, and Lineker's personal contribution to the Catalan triumph must be compared with that of Johan Cruyff when he inspired Barca to that amazing 5-0 win in Real's Estadio Bernabeu in 1974.

This victory opened up a three-point gap for Terry Venables' men over Real at the top.

But — as Venables himself was quick to point out afterwards — this certainly doesn't mean that Barca have the title sewn up.

Due to the new play-off system, the deadly rivals of Spanish football will be squaring up to each other on two more occasions in the spring.

In these deciding clashes, however, Real will have to get their act together right from the very kick-off.

With just four minutes gone in the Nou Camp, the Madridistas were 0-2 down, and facing an uphill task of Himalayan proportions.

To the delight of the capacity 120,000 crowd, first Victor and then Carrasco picked a way through the left of the hesitant Madrid defence, both crossing hard and low into the path of lethal Lineker.

Barcelona played magnificently throughout the first half, and with a little more luck could have increased their lead.

Victor, Roberto and Caldere were pressing powerfully in midfield, whilst up front Marcos and Carrasco were opening up huge gaps and giving the rampant Lineker fine service.

Neither the suspended Mark Hughes nor the injured Julio Alberto — out until May after breaking an ankle in the goalless draw at Valladolid — seemed to be missed.

Real attempted to come out of their shell after the interval, but in the process left holes at the back.

In the 48th minute Barça keeper Zubizarreta broke up a Real attack and punted downfield.

Chendo made a mess of his clearing header, succeeding only in putting the elusive Lineker through for his hat-trick.

The Madridistas fought back bravely, and reduced arrears with half an hour remaining when Gordillo set up a simple goal for Valdano.

Barça were, understandably, exhausted after their first-half exertions, and with ten minutes left Butragueño skipped into the penalty area and was brought crashing down by Moratalla.

Hugo Sanchez put away the spot-kick, thus raising his tally to 20, seven ahead of Lineker. But Sanchez and Co ran out of time in their courageous attempt to force a 3-3 draw.

Four weeks earlier, Lineker had begun 1987 in fine style.

He scored twice in the 3-1 home win over lowly Sabadell, thus breaking his duck since October.

The following week, in the tough goalless draw away to Jock Wallace's Sevilla, only the crossbar denied Lineker the winning goal.

Back in the Nou Camp, against Athletic Bilbao, the leading World Cup marksman coolly put Barca on the road to a convincing 4-1 win.

And then, a fortnight later, came his three-pronged destruction of Real Madrid.

All in all, therefore, quite a successful January for Gary Lineker.

But Lineker, of course, is not the only Briton enjoying himself in Spanish football.

On the contrary, British influence here is currently at an all-time high.

To begin with, there is the rest of the British contingent at Barça, whose success was partly responsible for Real Sociedad signing up John Toshack and Sevilla opting for Jock Wallace.

SPAIN

Mar 8 — Valladolid v Bilbao; Real Madrid v Sevilla; Espanol v Sabadell; Murcia v Cadiz; Las Palmas v Mallorca; Gijon v Santander; Zaragoza v Barcelona; Betis v Osasuna; Real Sociedad v At. Madrid.

Mar 15 — At. Madrid v Valladolid; Bilbao v Real Madrid; Sevilla v Espanol; Sabadell v Murcia; Cadiz v L. Palmas; Mallorca v Gijon; Santander v Zaragoza; Barcelona v Betis; Osasuna v Real Sociedad.

Mar 22 — Real Madrid v Valladolid; Espanol v Bilbao; Murcia v Sevilla; L. Palmas v Sabadell; Gijon v Cadiz; Zaragoza v Mallorca; Betis v Santander; Real Sociedad v Barcelona; Osasuna v At. Madrid.

Mar 29 — Real Madrid v At. Madrid; Valladolid v Espanol; Bilbao v Murcia; Sevilla v L. Palmas; Sabadell v Gijon; Cadiz v Zaragoza; Mallorca v Betis; Santander v Real Sociedad; Barcelona v Osasuna.

WORLD SOCCER NEWSDESK in FRANCE, HOLLAND and BELGIUM

Heysel sha

ALMOST two years after the tragedy at the Heysel Stadium, the shadow of the disaster, in which 39 people were fatally injured, continues to haunt Belgian football.

As the Belgian league took a short mid-winter break, further government accusations emerged, levelled at both the Belgian Football Association and the police departments.

One of the chief culprits, in the state's eyes, appears to be Albert Roosens, the 71-year-old secretary-general of the Football Association, who is due to retire in June.

Roosens is accused, apparently, of running a "bad organisation" at the FA, though, strangely enough, it appears that Louis Wouters, the president of the governing body, will not be implicated.

As a volunteer official, Wouters is regarded as an amateur, while Roosens, on the other hand, is a professional, culpable, therefore, for the haphazard ticket distribution and inadequate safety measures taken at the Heysel Stadium for the 1985 European Cup final.

Not that the Lord Mayor of Brussels has remained immune either, while the chief of police and the Rijkswacht — another police department — stand accused of bungling security at the ground.

A number of Liverpool fans have been identified by television pictures, and extradition proceedings against 36 of them began recently in a London court.

Meanwhile, the authorities are taking no chances over Belgium's crucial European Championship match, against Scotland, on April 1.

The Belgian FA have switched the match from the Heysel to the modernised Constant Vandenstock Stadium (formerly Parc Astrid), home of Anderlecht.

About a thousand Scottish fans are expected to travel to Brussels, although the decision to have 600 policemen in attendance has been considered an over-reactionary move.

On the field, Anderlecht's rapidly improving and maturing side emerged from the break with a three-point advantage over great rival, Club Brugge, and Mechelen.

All three of the leading clubs have a Dutch coach, though it is Arie Haan's mauve-and-whites, who appear strongest overall and on course to retain the championship.

Refreshed after a break which included a short visit to Lisbon, to find some warm weather, Anderlecht began the second half of the season with 27 points from 16 matches — a three-point cushion — with Brugge chasing hard.

However, at home to Seraing, the Anderlecht defence looked decidedly shaky, though in an eight-goal thriller, the five in the visitors' net proved decisive enough in the end.

Brugge beat Waregem 2-1 away from home to keep the pressure on and Mechelen's comfortable 2-0 win at home to Beerschot maintained the status quo.

Incidentally, Brugge's greatest servant, the ever-loyal Jan Ceulemans, was recently named Belgium's Footballer of the Year for the third successive time.

This is an honour he now shares with two of Belgian football's all-time greats — Paul van Himst and Jef Jurion — though previously only golden boy Van Himst had achieved the hat-trick in successive years.

An added complication for the top two clubs is that the majority of pitches in the country are currently in a bad way, and Anderlecht's silky style finds little to recommend it on quagmire surfaces when away from their own Parc Astrid.

This was partially evident the following week when Haan's charges could manage only a 1-1 draw at Kortrijk, one of the bottom clubs and against whom Anderlecht had struggled in a goalless draw earlier in the season.

Last season's reverse against Steaua taught Haan a great deal and the dismay which greeted the quarter-final pairing with Bayern Munich, 12 months ago, was replaced by more confident noises when history repeated itself at January's draw in Cologne.

The confidence of the new Anderlecht was not shared in Munich, as the general managers of the two clubs expressed contrasting views.

Anderlecht's Michel Verschuren said that "We are very much improved and we have a better side than last year. We are much stronger and younger and the players are very ambitious."

In Bavaria, Verschuren's counterpart, Uli Hoeness, said: "I am very unhappy. Anderlecht beat us last year and our own team has not improved since then, because we lost Lerby and also, Matthaeus is suspended for the first leg."

Of course, kidology is part and parcel of the European scene, though, in retrospect, Anderlecht certainly do appear better equipped to beat the Germans than at the corresponding time last year.

HERBIN ON THE WA

JAN CEULEMANS . . . Belgian Player of the Year — again!

ROBERT HERBIN is coming back to Saint-Etienne, from Strasbourg. He will be back next summer with the club where he made his name as a player then made it again as a manager, before he was sacked in 1983 after the scandal of the Slush Fund and the imprisonment of the President, Roger Rocher.

Quite a surprise, but Henry Kasperczak, the now plainly aggrieved and disappointed Pole, once the successful manager of Metz, has had a hard season.

Saint-Etienne of course were brought up into Division I by him last season after an incredibly near miss the season before, but they have been struggling to keep their place.

The news leaked out, to the displeasure of Saint-Etienne. Kasperczak, a Polish World Cup midfield star in his day, was told that he would be going. So Herbin will be in a position to resume his celebrated partnership with that famous old discoverer of talent, Pierre Garonnaire.

By the time your read this, I imagine the whole strange case of that very strange case of the Saint-Etienne Slush Fund will have resolved itself. In the circumstances it did seem terribly unlikely that, especially after all this time, Platini, Battiston, Herbin and company, would be lugged into court, but the examining magistrate, Patrick Desmure is a determined fellow.

Patrick Battison is happier, perhaps, than Herbin or Platini; though there are signs that the latter may be coming back to form.

That match away to Russia still looms; a steep mountain to scale, but not an impossible one!

Battison has had a new lease of life at international level, and is happy with the much changed Bordeaux team. This though he says it was a tremendous shock, at the start fo the season, to hear that the splendid little key midfield general, Alain Giresse (pictured right), on his way to Marseille.

Battison couldn't believe it, he says, till he actually got to the airport for a trip to play in Yugoslavia and found Alain was not there.

Now, with the two young inside-forwards Ferreri and Vercruysse in the side, says the French international centre-back, there has necessarily to be a different style of play as they clearly do not have the qualities of Giresse. The result has been that the build up is a good deal faster.

d BELGIUM

shadow

by Iain Macleod

Mar 1: Kortrijk v A.A. Gent; FC Seraing v Berchem Sport: Standard v KV Mechelen: Racing Jet v Waregem; Lokeren v Antwerp: Beerschot v FC Liege; Club Brugge v Cercel Brugge; SC Charleroi v Anderlecht; RWD Molenbeek v Beveren.

Mar 8: FC Liege v Lokeren: FC Antwerp v Racing Jet; Waregem v KV Mechelen; Berchem Sport v Kortrijk: A.A. Gent v RWD Molenbeek: Beveren v SC Charleroi; Anderlecht v Club Brugge; Cercle Brugge v Beerschot; FC Seraing v Standard.

Mar 15: SC Charleroi v A.A. Gent; RWD Molenbeek v Berchem Sport; Kortrijk v FC Seraing; Standard v Waregem; KV Mechelen v FC Antwerp; Racing Jet v FC Liege; Lokeren v Cercle Brugge; Beerschot v Anderlecht; Club Brugge v Beveren.

Mar 22: Anderlecht v Lokeren; Cercle Brugge v Racing Jet; FC Liege v Mechelen FC Antwerp v Waregem; FC Seraing v RWD Molenbeek: Berchem Sport v SC Charleroi; A.A. Gent v Club Brugge; Beveren v Beerschot; Kortnikh v Standard.

Mar 29: Beerschot v A.A. Gent; Club Brugge v Berchem Sport; SC Charleroi v FC Seraing; RWD Molenbeek v Kortnokh; Standard v FC Antwerp; KV Mechelem v Cercle Brugge; Racing Jet v Anderlecht; Lokeren v Beveren.

Breukelen set for the chop

WHILE Dutch club football closed down for a two-month winter break, public attention turned to the national side, writes SIMON KUPER.

A highly-rated Dutch team played a European Championship qualifier against Cyprus and a friendly against Spain. Holland beat Cyprus 2-0 and drew 1-1 in Spain.

Despite these results, goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen of PSV Eindhoven will probably be dropped. This may seem hard. Van Breukelen, formerly of Nottingham Forest, was to blame for Spain's goal, but it was the first he had conceded in four internationals.

However, Ajax's manager Johan Cruyff, and Ajax's internationals have been campaigning for Ajax goalkeeper Stanley Menzo.

Menzo is having a far better season than Van Breukelen, and is regarded as the superior keeper.

Moreover, three of Holland's defenders play for Ajax, and feel more confident with a goalkeeper they know behind them.

The battle over Menzo between Cruyff and the Dutch team manager, Rinus Michels, is symptomatic of a power struggle which is fascinating Dutch fans.

During Michels' great periods as coach for Ajax, Barcelona and Holland, Cruyff was his right-hand man out on the pitch.

Now they are competing for control over the future of Dutch football.

Cruyff has even appeared reluctant to commit his stars to the Holland squad. He fined some players when they ignored his orders and worked too hard at national squad training session.

Menzo, only 23, might have a long run as Holland's keeper. He keeps goal unconventionally, as Ajax's system demands.

Cruyff has Ajax playing without a sweeper but with the goalkeeper fulfilling the sweeper's role. So while Ajax is attacking, Menzo is responsible for all balls which land behind his defenders.

Mar 1: Sparta v Go Ahead Eagles; PSV v Veendam; Excelsior v Fortuna Sittard; FC Den Haag v Ajax; Haarlem v AZ; Roda JC v FC Utrecht; FC Groningen v Feyenoord; FC Twente v FC Den Bosch; PEC Zwolle v VVV.

Mar 8: VVV v Go Ahead Eagles; Veendam v Sparta; Fortuna Sittard v PSV; Ajax v Excelsior; AZ v FC Den Haag; FC Utrecht v Haarlem; Feyenoord v Roda JC; FC Den Bosch v FC Groningen; PEC Zwolle v FC Twente.

Mar 15: Go Ahead Eagles v Veendam; Sparta v Fortuna Sittard; PSV v Ajax; Excelsior v AZ; FC Den Haag v FC Utrecht; Haarlem v Feyenoord; Roda JC v FC Den Bosch; FC Groningen v PEC Zwolle; FC Twente v VVV.

Mar 22: VVV v Veendam; Fortuna Sittard v Go Ahead Eagles; Ajax v Sparta; AZ v PSV; FC Utrecht v Excelsior; Feyenoord v FC Den Haag; FC Den Bosch v Haarlem; PEC Zwolle v Roda JC; FC Twente v FC Groningen.

Mar 29: Veendam v Fortuna Sittard; Go Ahead Eagles v Ajax; Sparta v AZ; PSV v FC Utrecht; Excelsior v Feyenoord; FC Den Haag v FC Den Bosch; Haarlem v PEC Zwolle; Roda JC v FC Twente; FC Groningen v VVV.

WAY BACK

from Andre Duclos

There is a great emphasis now on acceleration, explains Battison, but the principal is still to keep the "co-ordination" between the lines of players, and to maintain a solid defence.

Of the World Cup last year, Battison says he remembers the France versus Italy game better than he does the famous one in Guadalajara against Brazil, which seemed to fly by so terribly quickly. The performance against Italy was so solid and good.

For himself, he was immensely happier in Mexico than he had been in past years, above all because he was allowed to play as libero and not as a right back, the position he had reluctantly filled in the European Nations Cup tournament of a couple of years earlier, convinced as he was that he was no longer right for the role.

For the second time this season the French manager of Neuchatel, the wealthy Swiss club, former international Gilbert Gress, has failed to persuade the Bordeaux and French international centre forward Bernard Lacombe to join him.

Lacombe now has Fargeon in his way at Bordeaux, and he did take seriously the chance to go to the Swiss club for six months, and then return to Bordeaux.

He thought it over, he said, but felt it would be too much of an upheaval for his family, and for the schooling of his children. So when the second offer recently came in, the answer was predictably the same.

Mar 7: Saint-Etienne v Monaco; Brest v Toulouse; Metz v Laval; Rennes v Bordeaux; Nantes v Sochaux; Nice v Le Havre; Toulon v Nancy; Lille v Paris-SG; RC Paris v Lens; Auxerre v Marseille.

Mar 11: Nancy v Nice; Le Havre v Nantes; Sochaux v Rennes; Lens v Bordeaux; Auxerre v Brest; Laval v Saint-Etienne; Marseille v Metz; Monaco v RC Paris; Toulouse v Lille; Paris-SG v Toulon.

Mar 14: Nantes v Monaco; Nice v Toulouse; Brest v Laval; Saint-Etienne v Auxerre; Bordeaux v Sochaux; Rennes v Le Havre; Metz v Nancy; RC Paris v Paris-SG; Lille v Lens; Toulon v Marseille.

Mar 25: Lens v Nice; Paris-SG v Nantes; Nancy v Rennes; Le Havre v Bordeaux; Toulouse v Sochaux; Brest v Saint-Etienne; Auxerre v Metz; Laval v RC Paris; Marseille v Lille; Monaco v Toulon.

Mar 28: Lille v Monaco; RC Paris v Toulouse; Nice v Laval; Nantes v Auxerre; Metz v Brest; Sochaux v Le Havre; Bordeaux v Nancy; Rennes v Paris-SG; Toulon v Lens; Saint-Etienne v Marseille.

WORLD SOCCER NEWSDESK in SOUTH and CENTRAL AMERICA

Menotti back in charge of Boca Juniors

CESAR MENOTTI, the coach who took Argentina to their first World Cup in 1978, has come back out of the wilderness to sign an 18-month contract with struggling giants Boca Juniors.

A group of businessmen are paying Menotti 300,000 dollars to persuade him back to work after being out of management since he left Barcelona (Spain) in 1984.

One of Menotti's first jobs at Boca Juniors was a weeding out of the playing staff which consisted of over 40 professionals and 15 were given free transfers.

Menotti, who had started his coaching career as assistant coach with Newell's Old Boys in 1971, then wanted the current Newell's assistant and junior team coach, Jorge Griffa, to assist him at Boca Juniors.

The latter, through whom most of the players of the current national A division topping Newell's team had gone, thought about it, but eventually turned down the offer, much to the relief of his club.

Training at Boca Juniors under their new coach was then given the prominence by the media usually afforded to the national team and when the "new Boca Juniors" appeared in a summer tournament at the seaside resort of Mar del Plata — the national championship was in summer recess — they immediately impressed by beating second-placed Independiente 3-2 and then West Germany's Cologne by the same score.

There is talk of buying reinforcements after the season ends, although the club has no money, but in any case they currently hold the centre stage.

River Plate, meanwhile, were having internal problems. First coach Hector Veira wanted to leave over a disagreement with club president Hugo Santili because Veira's coaching assistant was not taken to Tokyo when River Plate won the Intercontinental Cup.

Then opponents of the current committee found that the club had a bank account in dollars in Uruguay which did not figure on their balance sheet and which contained most of the proceeds of Enzo Francescoli's sale to Racing Paris last year.

River had other problems on the way back from Tokyo. They played a friendly match in Los Angeles (US), losing 1-0 to Mexican first division team, Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara . . . and they felt they were robbed all round.

Club officials had great difficulty in collecting the 40,000 dollars promised for the match and finally had to take half of it in deferred cheques as they were about to leave for the stadium.

They felt the referee made some strange decisions against them during the match apart from the fact that a Mexican band was stationed right behind the River goal and started up a tremendous noise every time the ball got near . . . and when the players returned to the hotel they found their rooms had been broken into and all their Tokyo shopping (including electronic things not available or very expensive in Argentina) had been stolen.

from ERIC WEIL

URUGUAY: Peñarol beat Nacional 4-3 on penalties, after their play-off had finished without goals in extra time, to win the 1986 first division title in Uruguay.

Actually, Nacional had finished with a one-point lead in the final table, but the two clubs had agreed that if there was not more than a two-point margin between them at the end, they would play off for the title.

This was because when the championship began, the two clubs had refused to play unless it was reorganised. On the first playing day Peñarol lost points for not turning up, but Nacional did not as they had a bye. Later both teams rejoined the championship.

Apart from these problems, matches during the championship were mostly poor in front of very small crowds . . . said to be the result of Uruguay's poor performances in the World Cup finals in Mexico last year.

Leading scorers were Gerardo Miranda of Defensor with 11 goals and veteran Juan Carrasco of Nacional — one of the few stars — with 10.

The play-off was a reflection of the tournament's poor standard with both sides trying to destroy their opponents' moves rather than create attacks and there were continual stoppages for infringements — 49 in the first half only.

Both goalkeepers had little to do. Peñarol came a bit closer with disorganised play, while Nacional continued their poor spell which cost them the title they seemed to be winning comfortably and which coach Walter Roque put down to saturation.

Nacional had gone unbeaten through their first 20 first division games, but played poorly in the last four and the club's officials had tried to postpone the title match in the hope that the team would return to form.

Peñarol's winning fourth penalty was scored by Gustavo Matosas, son of the former Peñarol and River Plate (Argentina) midfielder, Roberto, who is now coaching in Mexico.

Peñarol: Pereyra, Herrera, Goncalves, Trasante, Santos, Matosas, Perdomo, Viera (Silva), Vidal, Aguirre, Rodriguez (Da Silva).

Nacional: Velichco, Aguiar (Lancieri), Barrios, Villazán, Pintos Saldanha, Ostolaza, Cardaccio, Carrasco, Silvera, Olivera (Beninga), Saavedra.

After 27 minutes both teams played with 10 men as Barrios (N) and Vidal (P) were sent off for fighting.

At press time the "Luigilla" (little league), this time with eight instead of six teams, had started to qualify Uruguay's representatives for this year's Libertadores Cup with clubs which had accumulated most points in both the season's championships — Peñarol, Nacional, Progreso, Bella Vista, Central Español, Wanderers, Defensor and Huracan Buceo — but Nacional, continuing their poor spell, drew their first two games in one of the two four-team groups to drop out of contention for a Libertadores Cup place. Coach Walter Roque handed in his resignation.

COLOMBIA: America, of Cali, won the Colombian professional league title for the fifth year running while town rivals Deportivo took second place.

And in the end it did not depend on bonus points in the eight-team final round as America would have won by a point even without the bonus point they had for finishing in leading positions in the earlier two stages of the championship.

Thus the two Cali teams will, not for the first time, be participating jointly in this year's Libertadores Cup and for America, who have been losing finalists for the last two years, it will be the eighth time running.

For their coach, Gabriel Ochoa Uribe, a Colombian doctor who also coached his country's national team for World Cup qualifying games in 1985, it was the 12th league title. Apart from winning all six won by America so far, he also won the championship five times with Bogota's Millionarios and once with Independiente Santa Fe.

America, who line up Argentines Julio Cesar Falcioni (goal) and Ricardo Gareca (striker) and Paraguayan striker Roberto Cabanas — all internationals — signed Peruvian international, Julio Cesar Uribe, from Atletico Junior of Barranquilla to strengthen their organisation from midfield.

They also hold Uruguayan international Sergio Santin's contract and he could stay in the team if he obtains Colombian nationality.

Meanwhile other clubs are also trying to strengthen for next season — Santa Fe have signed Uruguayan international goalkeeper Fernando Alvez from Peñarol and Argentine centre-forward Jorge Taverna from Quindio (Colombia), while Atletico Junior of Barranquilla have bought Argentine striker Walter Fiori from Talleres Córdoba (Argentina).

But vice-champions Deportivo Cali will lose their Yugoslav coach, Vladimir Popovic who has been in charge of the team for the last two seasons, but says he cannot extend his leave of absence from his country's Red Star any longer.

And in women's soccer, which is played in two regions in Colombia (Cali and Valle de Cauca), referees (men) have refused to continue officiating at matches, because they are tired of being attacked by the players and say they cannot hit back.

HE'S BACK! . . . Cesar Menotti tells his new Boca players exactly what he thinks.

ECUADOR: Nacional of Quito won the 1986 championship — their ninth in 22 years — after 44 matches during the season.

In the four-team final round they finished three points ahead of defending champions Barcelona and the two clubs will represent Ecuador in this year's Libertadores Cup.

Nacional, founded only in 1964 with the backing of the armed forces, has a Brazilian coach — Roberto De Abruzeze — but have traditionally only lined up Ecuadorian players and paid special attention to their junior divisions from which a number of good players emerge every year.

Some of these are lent to other clubs and then brought back when needed for the first team.

Using only home players has brought Nacional the largest fan following and, as is usually the case, they had no stars this season but stood out for their steady performances throughout the lengthy championship played in four stages.

Nevertheless, players deserving special mention are goalkeeper Milton Rodriguez, central defender Wilson Armnas, flank defender Hans Maldonado, attacking midfielder José Villafuerte and forwards Fernando Baldeon, Giovanny Mera and Fabian Paz y Miño.

BOLIVIA: The eight-team final round of the Bolivian professional championship had just started at press time with Bolivar, Petrolero. The Strongest, Real Santa Cruz, Wilsterman, Oriente, Blooming and Litoral taking part.

CHILE: Colo Colo, beating next-to-bottom Audax Italiano 1-0, took a one-point lead in the Chilean first division with two games to go.

Palestino is a point behind and the only other team with a title chance is Cobreloa, a further two points back.

PERU: Alianza Lima, coached by Brazil's Waldir "Didi" Pereira, were easily top scorers with 25 goals in 10 games in the Peruvian de-centralised championship — second of the season's tournaments of which two of the three groups had finished play at press-time.

From these the top two teams of each — Alianza Lima, Universidad Tecnica de Cajamarca, Deportivo Municipal and San Agustin had qualified for the final round while group C has one match to go with Sporting Cristal and Sport Boys, sharing the lead, and Atletico Grau, two points behind, in contention for the two other places.

Last season's champions, Universitario, were third in group A.

The winner of this final round will represent Peru in this year's Libertadores Cup together with Colegio San Agustin who had won the first tournament and the two teams will also play off for the title.

If San Agustin is first again they will automatically be champions and the second Libertadores Cup place will be decided between the runners-up of the two tournaments.

MEXICO: Mexico beat El Salvador 3-1 in Los Angeles (USA) in the first of what new coach Mario Velarde hopes to be monthly internationals in their preparations for the next World Cup, the final of which is scheduled for Rome (Italy) in 1990.

Velarde took over from Yugoslav coach Belibor Milutinovic who did not want to renew his contract after the last World Cup.

Sixteen young players had been called up for this match with only four days of team training behind them, but coach Velarde wants to watch new players and will then strengthen the team with players from the last World Cup if they are better than the newcomers.

In the first division, Guadalajara continue as leaders although their lengthy unbeaten streak (15 games) has ended. They have a 13-8-3 record in 24 games and easily top group 2 while they have two points more than group 4 leaders Cruz Azul. Neza, on the other hand, went through 760 minutes without scoring before beating Irapuato 2-1.

Uruguayan Juan Faccio became the eighth coach to be fired since the season started as players of newly promoted Cobras accused him of treating them badly. Cobras also have the worst record in the league, but the reason for Faccio's dismissal is nevertheless a new one.

Joint leading scorers in the league are Eduardo de la Torre of leaders Guadalajara and Uruguayan Jose Salazar of Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara with 14 goals.

SOUTH American championship: Argentina — Carlos Bilardo, who renewed his contract as national team coach for a reported 23,000 dollars per month — his assistant, Carlos Pachame gets 11,500 — says that Jorge Valdano is the type of player he wants for the future ("intelligent and versatile") and that he will call him, Maradona and Burruchaga from abroad for the team to play in the South American Championship (Copa America) during the middle of the year, but not 1978 World Cup team captain Daniel Passarella because he wants to form a team for 1990 and Passarella is already 33.

MEN in the NEWS

HUGO GATTI, Boca Juniors' veteran goalkeeper, better known among his many fans as "El Loco" (the madman), has set the date of his retirement as August 5, when he will complete 25 years in first-division soccer at the age of 43.

But he always says: "That is my plan for the present, but perhaps later I will change my mind and decide to finish my career in a Boca Juniors championship-winning team," which, according to him, would be the following year.

Gatti has often changed his mind in the past. He is also one of the most outspoken of players and his different way of looking at the game reflects his special personality.

On the state of local soccer he says: "They can say what they like, but I think it is mediocre apart from the triumphs obtained last year, but let's not forget that anybody can win the lottery."

Asked to explain, he said: "In Mexico they won the lottery. Argentina did not face one difficult rival and everything worked out for them. That's why I say they won the lottery. Brazil should have won the last two world championships without any doubt. Argentina was a hungry team (for goals), they were well-placed on the field and their players showed humility, but they were backed up by a player inspired to the maximum like Maradona, and another excellent player in Valdano."

And of Boca Juniors' new coach, Cesar Menotti: "He is one of the few guys who is years ahead of me (in experience) in this game. He has a lot in common with me and gets whatever he gets without changing his way of thinking, as I did . . . He's a guy with an incredible facility of communicating and that makes him special, so different that he doesn't seem to be a soccer coach.

"The 'Flaco' (Menotti, called The Thin Man) is always the first to back the players who are the ones who really win or lose matches. His tactics favour me, because I like playing behind the four-men defensive line as an extra defender."

TELE SANTANA, Brazil's national team coach during the last World Cup, was due to return to Saudi Arabia to coach the Al-Ahli Club for three months. Tele Santana, who had already coached Al-Ahli from 1983 to 1985, said that it was very unlikely that he would work in Brazil again because of the low standard of the game, which was excessively rough, stimulated by other coaches in many cases.

UBALDO FILLOL, the former Argentine World Cup goalkeeper who has been inactive since terminating his contract with Atletico Madrid last year, has signed to play for 16 months for Racing Club (Argentina).

JULIO CESAR URIBE, the Peruvian international mid-fielder, has moved from Junior Barranquila (Colombia) to America Cali (Colombia).

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GATES BOOM IN SCOTLAND

Report by ALEX GORDON

THE astounding gates boom in Scottish soccer has brought a complaint from Rangers' legions of followers . . .

"Ibrox Stadium is too small," they wail and when you see vast queues forming outside the 44,000-capacity ground you find it difficult to disagree.

Rangers have contributed largely to the mammoth rise in Scottish crowds that are up by a remarkable 39 per cent on last season!

Most of the Ibrox club's games this term have been all-ticket home and away such is the interest generated by the club who have spent lavishly in bringing the likes of Graeme Souness, Terry Butcher, Chris Woods, Graham Roberts and Colin West to the Premier Division.

Rangers have been averaging a healthy 35,737 at their largely all-seater stadium.

Celtic, too, show an increase at Parkhead which can hold over 65,000. They have been averaging just under 30,000, but will expect that to rise when they are involved in the race to keep their Championship crown in the forthcoming months.

Graeme Souness's men will play there on April 4 and the game is already a guaranteed all-ticket sell-out!

And the pulling power of the Parkhead men was again demonstrated when over 55,000 turned up to watch them play Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup third round replay.

The Dons, who play at 24,000 capacity Pittodrie which was the first all-seater stadium in the country, have been averaging just under 14,000, but they would like to see that pushed up in the coming months.

Hearts have the best following outside the Old Firm of Celtic and Rangers and have been drawing 15,000 to Tynecastle on average.

Chairman Wallace Mercer, the millionaire who backed Hearts with his own cash, says: "We are happy at the way things are coming along, but there's always room for improvement.

"We are trying to give the fans the sort of football they want to see. Hearts always play to win and we always attempt to win with a bit of style."

Hibs, who haven't had the happiest of seasons and who are currently in the shadow cast by their Edinburgh rivals, have been averaging 11,119 to Easter Road.

Amazingly, EVERY Scottish club can show an increase on their home gates from last season. Now that's a statistic to bring a smile to the face of Scottish League secretary Jim Farry, who will announce yet another upsurge in figures at the end of the year for the fifth successive season.

Sadly, the exceptionally attractive Dundee United don't appear to have the fan appeal a club of their class and charisma deserves.

Their average is 10,355 and figures like that have forced the club to sell personalities such as Richard Gough, Ray Stewart and Andy Gray in the past.

The re-emergence of Rangers as a real power has sent interest in the Scottish game rocketing to a new all-time high and there is nothing to suggest that the incredible attendances will diminish in the coming seasons.

When Graham Roberts quit Spurs to join up at Ibrox for £450,000 he said: "There's a real buzz in Scottish football just now and I want to get involved. I believe there will be a fantastic boom up here over the next four or five years at least."

No one is arguing with the English international hard man! But will they build an extension on to Ibrox?

Rangers supremo David Holmes says: "It's true we could have filled Ibrox twice over for several games this season, but we've just to live with that.

"However, we won't be restyling Ibrox Stadium. We will just have to make absolutely certain that our true supporters — the ones who have backed us over the years — aren't pushed into the background.

"The fans are very much a part of our life. We want to give them the sort of team they deserve."

As the gates climb the smiles get broader and broader. As a journalist I have found it quite remarkable at the interest shown in Scottish football in recent months.

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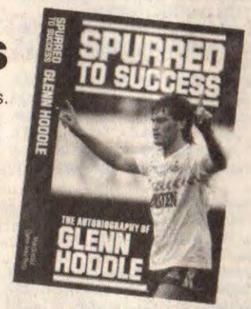

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A TOTAL of 11 countries have now qualified for the second FIFA World Under-16 Tournament to be staged in four Canadian cities from July 12 to July 25 this summer.

In addition to Canada, as the host nation, the other 10 qualifiers are: Australia from the Oceania group, Bolivia, Brazil and Ecuador from South America, South Korea, Qatar and Saudi Arabia from Asia and Nigeria (the current world champions at this age level), Egypt and the Ivory Coast from Africa.

Filling out the final 16 will be two more teams (in addition to Canada) from CONCACAF and three from Europe.

The CONCACAF qualifying tournament will be held in Honduras from February 14 to March 1, while the European zone finals will take place in France between May 25 and June 6.

Games in the final rounds of the second edition of the world finals will be played at Varsity Stadium in Toronto, Claude Robillard Stadium in Montreal, the Jeux Canada Games Stadium in Saint John, New Brunswick and the King George V Stadium names should not be confused and are, in fact, over 600 miles apart.

Following a familiar pattern one four team group will play in each of the four cities and the top two teams in each group will qualify for the quarter finals, at which point the competitions will become sudden death.

Each of the sites will stage one quarter final game, with the semi-finals being played in Saint John, New Brunswick and Toronto.

The final will be played in Toronto on Saturday, July 25 with a kick off time of 3 pm.

First round

The Canadians will play their first round games in Toronto, on July 12, 14 and 16.

Ticket prices for the games in Toronto are reasonably priced at $6 and $4 for the first round and quarter final.

They increase to $7 and $5 for the semi-final and $8 and $5 for the final.

The first FIFA Under-16 World Tournament was staged in China in 1985, with the final, in which Nigeria beat West Germany 2-0 before 75,000 in Peking.

A total of 720,000 people watched the 32 games, and FIFA officials were surprised and delighted not only at the size of the crowds but also at the standard of play.

"The players displayed a surprisingly high tecnincal ability and it was a feast for the eyes to watch these youngsters, with few exceptions, master the basic technical skills in good physical condition, in spite of the packed programme," a FIFA official noted.

Following his team's surprising win over the Germans, Nigerian coach Sebastian Broderick called the success of his team an "invasion into the hierarchies of world football" and promised for the years ahead a further increase in achievements by African teams.

A prediction that came true in last years World Cup with the outstanding performance of Morocco.

As part of their preparation the Canadians will travel to Europe to play the England under-16 team on April 8, Scotland on April 10 and then take part in a tournament in Portugal between April 16 and 19 against the under-16 teams of Portugal, Spain and Holland.

ELEVEN TEAMS CHASE YOUTH TITLE

Canada's full international team will play Norway, probably in Victoria on March 25, while in May, Canada and the United States will meet in a home and home series to determine a place in the next round of Olympic qualifying.

Canada will play the US in Saint John, New Brunswick on May 23, with the return game in St Louis, Misouri on May 30.

U-16 QUALIFYING ROUNDS

AFRICA

First round

Lesotho v Mauritius
(withdrawal Mauritius
Ethiopiav Sudan
(withdraw Sudan)
Cameroon v Gabon
Benin v Ghana
(withdrawal Benin)
Gambia v Liberia
(withdrawal Gambia)

22.	6.86	Togo v Ivory Coast	1-1
5.	7.86	Ivory Coast v Togo	4-3

Second round

Lesotho v Zambia

10.	8.86	Ghana v Nigeria	1-1
23.	8.86	Nigeria v Ghana	0-0
		Ethiopia v Egypt (withdrawal Ethiopia)	
9.	8.86	Tunisia v Algeria	0-1
22.	4.86	Algeria v Tunisia	0-0
1.	11.86	Liberia v Guinea	1-1
15.	11.86	Guinea v Liberia	1-0
9.	8.86	Ivory Coast v Cameroon	2-0
24.	8.86	Cameroon v Ivory Coast	3-1

Third round

2.	1.87	Egypt v Algeria	0-0
16.	1.87	Algeria v Egypt	1-2
4.	1.87	Guinea v Ivory Coast	1-0
		Zambia v Nigeria (withdrawal)	

Qualified **NIGERIA, IVORY COAST, EGYPT**

ASIA

Second Asian U-16 Youth Tournament 1986 in Qatar

Group A: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia

15.11.86	Indonesia v Saudi Arabia	1-5
	Qatar v Bangladesh	6-1
17.11.86	Bangladesh v Saudi Arabia	0-1
	Qatar v Indonesia	1-0
19.11.86	Bangladesh v Indonesia	2-1
	Saudi Arabia v Qatar	0-1

Qatar	3	3	0	0	8-1	6
Saudi Arabia	3	2	0	1	6-2	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	3-8	2
Indonesia	3	0	0	3	2-8	0

Group B: Bahrain, Burma, Korea DPR, Korean Republic

16.11.86	Bahrain v N Korea	3-3
	Burma v S Korea	0-5
18.11.86	Bahrain v S Korea	1-1
	Burma v N Korea	1-1
20.11.86	Bahrain v Burma	0-1
	N Korea v S Korea	0-0

S Korea	3	1	2	0	5-0	4
N Korea	3	0	3	0	4-4	3
Burma	3	1	1	1	2-6	3
Bahrain	3	0	2	1	3-4	2

Semi-finals

22.11.86	S Korea v Saudi Arabia	1-0
	Qatar v N Korea	1-0

Match for 3rd place

24.11.86	N Korea v Saudi Arabia	0-2

Final

24.11.86	Qatar V S Korea	0-0
		penalty kicks: 4-5

Qualified **KOREA, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA**

SOUTH AMERICA

Group A

4.10.86	Bolivia v Argentina	2-2
	Urugauy v Colombia	1-2
6.10.86	Argentina v Colombia	0-0
	Paraguay v Bolivia	0-2
8.10.86	Colombia v Paraguay	1-3
	Uruguay v Argentina	1-1
10.10.86	Colombia v Bolivia	1-0
	Uruguay Paraguay	1-0
12.10.86	Argentina v Paraguay	2-1
	Bolivia v Uruguay	1-0

Bolivia	4	2	1	1	5-3	5
Argentina	4	1	3	0	5-4	5
Colombia	4	2	1	1	4-4	5
Uruguay	4	1	1	2	3-4	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	4-6	2

Group B

5.10.86	Brazil v Ecuador	0-0
	Peru v Venezuela	2-1
7.10.86	Brazil v Chile	0-0
	Ecuador v Peru	1-0
9.10.86	Ecuador v Chile	3-3
	Venezuala v Brazil	1-1
11.10.86	Ecuador v Venezuela	3-0
	Peru v Chile	1-0
13.10.86	Peru v Brazil	0-1
	Venezuela v Chile	0-0

Ecuador	4	2	2	0	7-3	6
Brazil	4	1	3	0	2-1	5
Peru	4	2	0	2	3-3	4
Chile	4	0	3	1	3-4	3
Venezuela	4	0	2	2	2-6	2

Final round

15.10.86	Bolivia v Brazil	1-1
	Ecuador v Argentina	0-0
17.10.86	Bolivia v Argentina	1-0
	Ecuador v Brazil	1-1
19.10.86	Argentina v Brazil	2-2
	Bolivia v Ecuador	2-2

Bolivia	3	1	2	0	4-3	4
Brazil	3	0	3	0	3-3	3
Ecuador	3	0	3	0	3-3	3
Argentina	3	0	2	1	2-3	2

Qualified BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, ECUADOR

OCEANIA

in Kaoshiung, Taiwan

Australia, Chinese Taipei, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea

7.12.86	Chinese Taipei v New Zealand	0-1
	Australia v Papua New Guinea	3-0
8.12.86	Fiji v Australia	0-4
	New Zealand v Papua New Guinea	0-0
10.12.86	Fiji v Papua New Guinea	0-0
	Chinese Taipei v Australia	0-3
12.12.86	Fiji v New Zealand	1-1
	Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea	2-1
14.12.86	Chinese Taipei v Fiji	3-1
	New Zealand v Australia	1-0

Australia	4	3	0	1	10-1	6
New Zealand	4	2	2	0	3-1	6
Chinese Taipei	4	2	0	2	5-6	4
Papua New Guinea	4	0	2	2	1-5	2
Fiji	4	0	2	2	2-8	2

Qualified: **Australia**

Other qualifying matches: CONCACAF (Feb 14-Mar 1 in Honduras), Europe (May 25-June 3 in France).

River Plate play in Miami

WORLD club champions River Plate of Argentina will compete against São Paulo of Brazil, Deportivo of Colombia and the US national team in the Marlboro Soccer Cup of Miami in March.

Formerly known as the Miami Cup, the Marlboro Cup will kick off on Thursday, March 12, with Deportivo Cali playing the US national team, followed by River Plate against São Paulo.

Two days later, in another double-header, the losing teams will play-off for third place, followed by the final.

The US national team has not played since taking part in this tournament last year.

On the indoor soccer scene in the United States, the Major Indoor Soccer League, which was formed on November 10, 1977, is now in its eighth season.

Currently the Cleveland Force lead the Eastern Division of the MISL, while the Tacoma Stars top the Western Division.

The MISL currently has 12 franchises with Dallas Sidekicks, Baltimore Blast, Minnesota Strikers, Chicago Sting, New York Express and Cleveland making up the Eastern Division.

In the west, in addition to Tacoma, the teams are the San Diego Sockers, Wichita Wings, Kansas City Comets, Los Angeles Lazers and St Louis Steamers.

Many players who once played in the North American Soccer League now play in the indoor league and the Minnesota, Chicago and San Diego clubs were once members of the NASL.

Another former NASL team, the Tampa Bay Rowdies, play indoors in the American Indoor Soccer Association.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1986-88

Group 1
(Spain, Rumania, Austria, Albania)

10. 9.86	Rumania — Austria	4-0
15.10.86	Austria — Albania	3-0
12.11.86	Spain — Rumania	1-0
3.12.86	Albania — Spain	1-2
25. 3.86	Rumania — Albania	
1. 4.87	Austria — Spain	
29. 4.87	Albania — Austria	
29. 4.87	Rumania — Spain	
14.10.87	Spain — Austria	
28.10.87	Albania — Rumania	
18.11.87	Spain — Albania	
18.11.87	Austria — Rumania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Rumania	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Scorers: Iovan (Rum) 2; Michel, Arteche, Joaquin (Sp), Lacatus, Hagi (Rum), Orgris, Polster, Linzmaier (Aus), Muca (Alb) 1 each.

Group 2
(Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Malta)

24. 9.86	Sweden — Switzerland	2-0
12.10.86	Portugal — Sweden	1-1
29.10.86	Switzerland — Portugal	1-1
15.11.86	Italy — Switzerland	3-2
16.11.86	Malta — Sweden	0-5
6.12.86	Malta — Italy	0-2
24. 1.87	Italy — Malta	5-0
14. 2.87	Portugal — Italy	0-1
29. 3.87	Portugal — Malta	
15. 4.87	Switzerland — Malta	
6. 5.87	Sweden — Malta	
23. 5.87 or		
3. 6.87	Sweden — Italy	
10. 6.86 or		
17. 6.87	Switzerland — Sweden	
23. 9.87	Sweden — Portugal	
17.10.87	Switzerland — Italy	
11.11.87	Portugal — Switzerland	
14.11.87	Italy — Sweden	
15.11.87	Malta — Switzerland	
5.12.87	Italy — Portugal	
20.12.87	Malta — Portugal	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Sweden	3	2	1	0	8	1	5
Portugal	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Switzerland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	12	0

Scorers: Altobelli (It) 6; Ekstrom (Swe) 4; Magnusson (Swe) 2; Stromberg, Fredriksson (Swe), Coelho, Fernandes (Por), Donadoni, Bagni, Bergomi, Vialli, Ferri (It), Bregy, Brigger, Weber (Swz) 1 each.

Group 3
(France, Sov. Union, E. Germany, Norway, Iceland)

10. 9.86	Iceland — France	0-0
24. 9.86	Iceland — Sov. Union	1-1
24. 9.86	Norway — E. Germany	0-0
11.10.86	France — Sov. Union	0-2
29.10.86	Sov. Union — Norway	4-0
29.10.86	E. Germany — Iceland	2-0
19.11.86	E. Germany — France	0-0
29. 4.87	France — Iceland	
29. 4.87	Sov. Union — E. Germany	
3. 6.87	Norway — Sov. Union	
3. 6.87	Iceland — E. Germany	
16. 6.87	Norway — France	
9. 9.87	Sov. Union — France	
9. 9.87	Iceland — Norway	
23. 9.87	Norway — Iceland	
10.10.87	E. Germany — Sov. Union	
14.10.87	France — Norway	
28.10.87	Sov. Union — Iceland	
28.10.87	E. Germany — Norway	
18.11.87	France — E. Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sov. Union	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
E. Germany	3	1	2	0	2	0	3
Iceland	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
France	2	0	2	1	0	2	1
Norway	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

Scorers: Belanov (SU) 2; Sulakveldize, Litovechenko, Rats, Nlokin, Khidiatulin (SU), Thorm, Kirsten (EG), Gudjohnsen (Ice) 1 each.

Group 4
(England, N. Ireland, Turkey, Yugoslavia)

15.10.86	England — N. Ireland	3-0
29.10.86	Yugoslavia — Turkey	4-0
12.11.86	England — Yugoslavia	2-0
12.11.86	Turkey — N. Ireland	0-0
1. 4.87	N. Ireland — England	
29. 4.87	N. Ireland — Yugoslavia	
29. 4.87	Turkey — England	
14.10.87	Yugoslavia — N. Ireland	
14.10.87	England — Turkey	
11.11.87	Yugoslavia — England	
11.11.87	N. Ireland — Turkey	
16.12.87	Turkey — Yugoslavia	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
N. Ireland	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Turkey	2	0	1	1	0	4	1

Scorers: Zlatko Vujovic (Yug) 3; Lineker (Eng) 2; Waddle, Mabbutt, Anderson (Eng), Savicevic (Yug) 1 each.

Group 5
(Holland, Hungary, Poland, Greece, Cyprus)

15.10.86	Hungary — Holland	0-1
15.10.86	Poland — Greece	2-1
12.11.86	Greece — Hungary	2-1
19.11.86	Holland — Poland	0-0
3.12.86	Cyprus — Greece	2-4
21.12.86	Cyprus — Holland	0-2
14. 1.87	Greece — Cyprus	3-1
8. 2.87	Cyprus — Hungary	0-1
25. 3.87	Holland — Greece	
12. 4.87	Poland — Cyprus	
29. 4.87	Greece — Poland	
29. 4.87	Holland — Hungary	
17. 5.87	Hungary — Poland	
23. 9.87	Poland — Hungary	
14.10.87	Hungary — Greece	
14.10.87	Poland — Holland	
28.10.87	Holland — Cyprus	
11.11.87	Cyprus — Poland	
2.12.87	Hungary — Cyprus	
16.12.87	Greece — Holland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	3	0	1	10	6	6
Holland	3	2	1	0	3	0	5
Poland	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Hungary	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

Scorers: Anastopulos (Gr) 5; Dziekanowski (Pol), Boda (Hun) 2; Van Basten, Gullit, Bosman (Hol), Mitropulos, Antoniou, Papaioannu, Batsinilas, Bonovas (Gr), Christofidis, Savvides, Savvas (Cyp) 1 each.

Group 6
(Denmark, Wales, Czechoslovakia, Finland)

10. 9.86	Finland — Wales	1-1
15.10.86	Czechoslovakia — Finland	3-0
29.10.86	Denmark — Finland	1-0
12.11.86	Czech — Denmark	0-0
1. 4.87	Wales — Finland	
29. 4.87	Finland — Denmark	
29. 4.87	Wales — Czechoslovakia	
3. 6.87	Denmark — Czech	
9. 9.87	Wales — Denmark	
9. 9.87	Finland — Czechoslovakia	
14.10.87	Denmark — Wales	
11.11.87	Czechoslovakia — Wales	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech.	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Finland	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Scorers: Janecka, Knoflicek, Kula (Cz), Bertslen (Den), Slatter (W), Hjelm (Fin) 1 each.

Group 7
(Belgium, Bulgaria, Rep. Ireland, Scotland, Luxembourg)

10. 9.86	Scotland — Bulgaria	0-0
10. 9.86	Belgium — Rep. Ireland	2-2
14.10.86	Luxembourg — Belgium	0-6
15.10.86	Rep. Ireland — Scotland	0-0
12.11.86	Scotland — Luxembourg	3-0
19.11.86	Belgium — Bulgaria	1-1
18. 2.87	Scotland — Rep. Ireland	0-1
1. 4.87	Bulgaria — Rep. Ireland	
1. 4.87	Belgium — Scotland	
29. 4.87	Rep. Ireland — Belgium	
30. 4.87	Luxembourg — Bulgaria	
20. 5.87	Bulgaria — Luxembourg	
28. 5.87	Luxembourg — Rep. Ireland	
9. 9.87	Rep. Ireland — Luxembourg	
23. 9.87	Bulgaria — Belgium	
14.10.87	Scotland — Belgium	
14.10.87	Rep. Ireland — Bulgaria	
11.11.87	Belgium — Luxembourg	
11.11.87	Bulgaria — Scotland	
2.12.87	Luxembourg — Scotland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	1	2	0	9	3	4
Scotland	4	1	2	1	3	1	4
Rep. Ireland	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Bulgaria	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

Scorers: Claesen (Bel) 4; Cooper (Scot) 2; Scifo, Gerets, Vercauteren, Ceulemans, Janssen (Bel), Johnston (Sc), Stapleton, Brady (RI), Tanev (Bul), Lawrenson (RI) 1 each.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Overall leading scorers

ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI (Italy)	6
Nikos Anastopulos (Greece)	5
Nico Claesen (Belgium)	4
Johnny Ekström (Sweden)	4
Zlatko Vujovic (Yugoslavia)	3
Belanov (Sov Union)	2
Boda (Hungary)	2
Cooper (Scot)	2
Dziekanowski (Poland)	2
Iovan (Rum)	2
Lineker (England)	2
Magnusson (Sweden)	2

EUROPEAN LEAGUES (Golden Boot Award) Leading scorers

TONI POLSTER (FK Austria)	26
Brian McClair (Celtic)	23
Clive Allen (Tottenham)	23
Hugo Sanchez (Real Madrid)	23
Borodyuk (Moscow Dynamo)	21
Johnston (Celtic)	21
Torfason (Fram Reykjavik)	19
McCoist (Rangers)	18
Alexandrov (Slavia Sofia)	18

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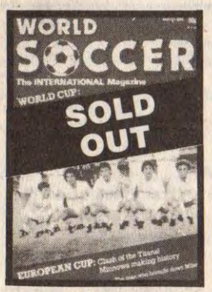

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ASIAN NOTEBOOK by Peter Burns

Byung-Duk Cho of South Korea.

Elephants on the move!

IN AN effort to revitalise the flagging 'Grand Soccer Festival' championship (previously the Superleague), the South Korean Ministry of Sports plan to franchise another professional club and the Grand Soccer Festival Commission intend changing the league's competition format.

Since the league began, in 1983, the clubs have toured cities across the country, playing one complete round in each centre. As from 1987, the league will adopt the traditional home-and-away system.

Although the details have yet to be finalised, it appears that Yukong Elephants will be based in Seoul, Po-hang Iron and Steel Company Atoms in Taegu, Daewoo Royals in Pusan, Hyundai Tigers in Inchon, Lucky-Goldstar Bulls in Taejon, and the new franchise is likely to operate out of Kwangju.

Low attendances is the reason behind the restructure. Only 112,000 people attended the 60 league games during 1986 at an average of 1,866.

This figure represents a massive 82 per cent drop in spectator support against the inaugural season's figures!

Casual observers might have expected the league to be well attended following the euphoria surrounding the national team's qualification for the World Cup finals.

But, because intensive training camps have prevented the national team members from pulling on their club shirts for more than a couple of appearances since the World Cup qualifiers began, in March 1985, little of that euphoria has been allowed to flow on to the league.

It comes as no surprise then that the clubs with the least representation in the national team were the most successful in 1986.

Lucky-Goldstar Bulls and POSCO Atoms fought out the Grand Soccer Festival final and Hyundai Tigers won the professional championship.

However, Daewoo Royals, the 1985 Asian club champions, had seven players in the national squad and never seemed likely to challenge for honours.

The 1986 season was, as in 1984, divided into Spring and Autumn leagues with the winner of each playing-off to decide the title.

POSCO (Po-hang Iron and Steel Company) Atoms won the Spring season and reigning champions Lucky-Goldstar Bulls were victorious in the Autumn term.

In between these two leagues another competition was staged: the '1986 Korean Pro Soccer Championship'. The five professional clubs (Daewoo, POSCO, Hyundai, Lucky-Goldstar and Yukong) played each other four times with Hyundai running out champions.

As Spring league champions POSCO Atoms fared poorly in the Autumn league; finishing just three points ahead of cellar dwellers Hanil Bank Carnations, Lucky-Goldstar were installed as favourites to win the title play-off.

But, with top international striker Choi Soon-ho back in the side and forming a formidable forward line with Lee Kil-yong and Brazilian import Paulo Roberto Rocha, POSCO belied their recent form and ran out 1-0 winners in the first leg.

Park Kyong-hun tapped home the winner in the 21st minute after Lee Hung-shil had dribbled brilliantly through the heart of the Lucky-Goldstar defence before releasing an inch-perfect cross.

The second leg was a different matter, however, and POSCO fell behind to an early goal.

But, just when it seemed that a third match would be required to separate the two teams, Paulo Roberto Rocha latched onto a sloppy backpass just outside the Lucky-Goldstar area, dribbled around the keeper and slotted the ball home to give the Atoms the title 2-1 on aggregate.

Daewoo Royals striker Chung Hae-won was the league's top scorer with 10 goals, followed by Ham Hyon-gi (Hyundai) and Koo Bon-Suk (Yukong) with nine each.

Ace POSCO midfielder Lee Hung-shil was named the league's 'Most Valuable Player' while Hyundai forward Ham Hyon-gi collected the 'Rookie of the Year' award.

At the completion of the season, the soccer scribes voted in a poll to determine the 1986 'Team of the Year'.

Here are their choices — Goalkeeper: Cho Byung-duk (ex-Hallelujah); Defenders: Cho Young-jeung (Lucky-Goldstar), Park Kyung-hoon (POSCO), Cho Kwang-rae (Daewoo), Cho Min-kook (Korea University); Midfielders: Park Chang-sun (Daewoo), Lee Hung-shil (POSCO), Huh Jung-moo (Hyundai); Forwards: Chung Hae-won (Daewoo), Kim Joo-sung (Chosun University), Choi Soon-ho (POSCO).

SINGAPORE: In an attempt to interest local fans, the format of the National Football League first division will be changed for the 1987 season.

Instead of the traditional home-and-away league, the 10 first division clubs will play each other once before being divided into two groups for the second stage.

The clubs that finish 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th will make up one group, while the other group will feature the clubs that finished 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th.

The clubs in each group will then play each other once with the top two from each qualifying for the semi-finals. The bottom club in each second stage group will be relegated.

The Football Association of Singapore had previously restructured the league in 1975, when it became the National Football League, hoping to rekindle the interest of the country's many football supporters.

Since that time, however, crowds of 1,000 have been rare and it seems unlikely that this new innovation will bring in fans weaned on the sight of the national team taking on Malaysia's best in the Malaysia Cup: a tournament of vastly superior quality.

The 1986 First Division championship was one of the most exciting on record, but even then only 1,000 spectators turned out for the title-deciding fixture between Tiong Bahru and Armed Forces.

It was a fiercely competitive match in which a league record of nine yellow cards were dished out; seven to Tiong Bahru and two to Armed Forces.

It was an even contest with the Army team dominating the first period and Tiong Bahru in full control after the break.

Unfortunately for the league leaders, the only goal of the match was scored in the 29th minute by Armed Forces' international midfielder Sundram Moorthy, thus giving his club the championship on goal difference.

A couple of weeks later, Armed Forces defeated 1985 league champions Police 3-1 in the President's Cup final to become the first 'double' winners since Geylang International achieved the feat in 1976. Sadly, Geyland Inter will be playing second division football in 1987.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Participation in the Olympic Games qualifying tournament and the South Pacific Games will give Papua New Guinea more international exposure than they have seen for many years.

Although the national team has shown marked improvement in recent years, it will be difficult for Papua New Guinea to progress in either tournament.

In the Olympic Games Oceania Group 1 qualifiers, PNG are matched with Australia and Taiwan. They will almost certainly be outclassed by Australia, but could go through to the Oceania group finals if they get the better of Taiwan.

Although the football tournament of the South Pacific Games seems an easier proposition, the Papua New Guineans will have their work cut out for them there also.

Their only success in past tournaments was a third placing in the 1969 Port Moresby event, and they will have to break the recent dominance of Tahiti, Fiji, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands if they are to repeat, or improve on, that performance.

Meanwhile, following the disasters of 1985 when the championship was cancelled, the finals of the 1986 Port Moresby soccer league went off without a hitch.

At the end of the home-and-away matches the top four qualify for the championship play-offs. These were Westpac, Defence, Germania FC and University. University eliminated Germania 1-0, but were themselves eliminated in the preliminary final 0-2 by Westpac. Westpac had lost their first semi-final 0-1 to Defence, but victory over the students earned them a re-match in the Grand Final.

Defence had been victorious over Westpac in all four meetings between the two during the year and went into the final as favourites.

But the army team were not as cohesive as in earlier games and Westpac, with goalkeeper John Sevese in fine touch, took the title with a 35th-minute John Tutumang goal.

While Sevese, Tutumang, Steven Mune and John Watson were outstanding for Westpac, established Defence stars Andrew Marampau, Martin Laviong, James Tore and Buka Pasa were well below their best.

An excellent crowd of over 10,000 had packed into the Bisini Ground to witness Westpac's first ever championship win.

United were first time winners in Rabaul also. Phillip Teks scored the only goal of the grand final against the more fancied Momase in front of over 1,000 spectators at Queen Elizabeth Park.

In the Goroka League, Rapatona retained the title with a 2-1 victory over Gouna Murat. The champions had fallen behind to a 14th-minute Salapan Barry penalty, and when star striker Arnold Saya got his marching orders twenty minutes later, the title appeared to be slipping away.

However, one minute later Rapatona were back on level terms as Englishman Keith Pearson scored from a free kick, and late in the game Peter Chalapan sealed the title for the champions.

Two early goals by striker Livai John set up Hygiene's victory in the Alotau grand final against Sogu. John scored in the 2nd and 25th minutes and Leslie Burorosi increased the lead four minutes later.

But, Sogu reduced the deficit through Teddy Andrew six minutes later and cut Hygiene's advantage to one goal 30 minutes into the second period; Togo Touaboda the scorer.

Sogu then had a golden opportunity to bag the title, but handed the game to their opponents by missing two successive penalties!

FIJI: THIS promises to be an eventful year for Fijian soccer. A tour by Soviet club Dynamo Minsk (scheduled for early February) will be the first of eight testing series for the national team during the year, culminating with the South Pacific Games in December.

To offset the unusual fixture congestion, the National League has been brought forward: the opening round kicked-off February 21st.

Here are the major dates for 1987: • February 22-28: Proposed visit by Solomon Islands national team; • March 1-31: Tour of Queensland, Australia, by Fijian national team; • April: Proposed tour by Indian club East Bengal; • May: Tour of Tahiti by Fijian national team; • May-June: Proposed tour by English club Everton; • June 13-15: Battle of the Giants tournament; • August 30: Last round of National League; • September 13-20: National League promotion-relegation play-offs; • October 8-12: Inter District Championship in Suva; • December 7-22: South Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia.

During the 1986 season, Ba reigned supreme, winning both the National League and the Inter District Championship.

AUSTRALIA'S National League is being reduced from 24 to 14 clubs this season so, the off-season transfer market has been extremely active with players scrambling to remain in the top competitions. Biggest spenders have been the Sydney clubs Olympic, Croatia, Marconi and APIA Leichhardt.

Here is a list of the more important moves:

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Rod Brown	Marconi	APIA	undisclosed
Gerry Gomez	Sydney City	Marconi	$22,000
Charlie Yankos	Adelaide Hellas	APIA	$22,000
Robbie Slater	Blacktown	Sydney Croatia	$15,000
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JANUARY 21

Barcelona — friendly
Spain 1 (Calderé 71)
Holland 1 (Gullit 20)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel).

Spain: Zubizarreta — Chendo, Goicoechea, Arteche, Camacho (Julio Alberto, 46) —Michel (Joaquin, 68), Victor, Caldere, Gordillo — Butragueño, Julio Salinas (Ramon, 46).

Holland: Van Breukelen — Van Tiggelen, Spelbos, Rijkaard, Silooy — Vanenburg (Suvrijn, 75), Wouters, Gullit, A. Muhren — Van der Gijp, Van't Schip.

There were Barcelona connections on both sides for this friendly in the Nou Camp stadium. Three current local favourites, in Zubizarreta, Victor and Calderé, began this international against a Dutch team managed by former Barcelona boss Rinus Michels. Holland were without top-scoring Ajax striker Marco Van Basten, recovering from an ankle operation, and were further handicapped by having to play during their winter break. But they arrived in Barcelona the previous Saturday and worked to get their act together. In the first half they were superb and fully deserved the lead provided when Ruud Gullit (bound this summer to replace Ray Wilkins in the Milan midfield) headed home a long, high cross from Van der Gijp. It was not until 10 minutes from the end that Calderé justified his first national team appearance since the World Cup by equalising with a diving header which Van Breukelen allowed to squeeze beneath his body.

JANUARY 24

Bergamo — European chp gp 2
Italy 5 (Bagni, 4; Bergomi, 9; Altobelli, 24 and 35; Vialli 44)
Malta 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Hadjistefanou (Cyp)

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi, Cabrini, Baresi, Ferri, Bagni (De Napoli, 56), Donadoni, Dossena (Matteoli, 56), Altobelli, Giannini, Vialli.

Malta: Bonello — Galea, Scicluna, Buttigieg, Holland, Laferla, Busuttil, Vella, Gregory (Cauchi, 66), Farrugia (Scerri, 25), De Giorgio.

Italy took the group leadership with this win, even though they failed in the second half to add anything more to the five first-half goals. In the first-ever full international in Bergamo (home of Atalanta) Italy went ahead in the fourth minute when Altobelli headed on a Donadoni corner and Salvatore Bagni scored from close range. Five minutes later Donadoni was involved in goal number two. This time it was his free kick which Altobelli headed on for Bergomi to force home. Altobello himself then scored the next two goals — the one with a spectacular conversion of a Dossena cross, the other when Cabrini backheeled a Donadoni pass — before Gianluca Vialla wrapped up the first half after a drive in to the penalty box by Donadoni. In the second half, Italy had plenty more pressure but had lost the key to open up Bonello's defence. Italy's stars (in the first half, at least) were Altobelli and Milan starlet Donadoni. Not that it was any great surprise to see Donadoni so much at home in Bergamo — until last summer, after all, he played for Atalanta.

Tokyo — Unicef fund-raising game
Japan 0
Americas All-Stars 1 (Josimar)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000.

An Americas team captained, despite a much-publicised ankle injury, by Diego Maradona (and including one of his brothers, Raul) drew a capacity crowd to the National Stadium in Tokyo for this fund-raising match for children in need. Brazil's Josimar scored the only goal.

FEBRUARY 4

Braga — friendly intl
Portugal 1 (Frasco, 44)
Belgium 0
HT: 1-0.**Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Quiniou (Fr).

Portugal: Jesus — Veloso, Dito, Eduardo Luis, Alvaro — Nascimento, Jaime, Frascó (Costeado, 80), Coelho (Mario Jorge, 89) — Nunes (Placido, 40), Quim.

Belgium: Bodart — Grun, Gerets, Demol, Vervoort — Vandersmissen, Janssen (Leo Van der Elst, 46), Scifo, Ceulemans (Veyt, 46), Vercauteren — Claesen (M'buyu, 60).

Portugal gained their first win over Belgium in 22 years; the Belgians gained little or nothing from a dull match with few chances. Portugal were still fielding what was, in practice, a third team because of the lingering effects of the suspensions and boycotts which followed thr World Cup pay row in Mexico last year. As for Belgium, they were without several key players of their own and manager Guy Thys had to recall veteran midfielder Vandersmissen and play long-time right back Eric Gerets as sweeper. The one novelty was in attack where Nico Claesen was substituted after an hour by the Zaire-born newcomer, Dmitri M'buyu, the first black player to appear in a full international for Belgium. By the time he arrived, however, the match was already decided — Frasco taking a return pass from Coelho to score the winner with the last kick of the first half.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Nicosia — Euro chp gp 5
Cyprus 0
Hungary 1 (Boda, 49)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Komadinic (Yug).

Cyprus: Charitou — Lemesios, Pitos, Socratous, Missos — Yiangudakis, Savva, Marangos (Floros, 57) — Savvides, Mavridis (Xiouroppas, 52), Christofi.

Hungary: Szendrei — Sallai, Hires, Roth, Preszeller, Varga, Kardos, Hannich, Bognar (Garaba, 80), Boda, K. Kovacs.

Hungary scored their first win in the current European qualifiers in what was their third game. Cyprus rarely threatened the Hungarian penalty box but the Hungarians, under new boss Jozsef Verebes, took most of the first half to settle into their stride. They should also have taken the lead four minutes before the interval. Peter Hannich was brought down by goalkeeper Andreas Charitou but got up only to strike the penalty kick against the bar and when the ball rebounded into play Kalman Kovacs also rattled the woodwork. Finally, four minutes after the break, a spectacular goal by Istvan Boda broke the deadlock after Giorgis Lemesios — the Cypriots' debutant 29-year-old defender — failed to clear the ball, Hungary also hit the woodwork on two occasions, through Boda in the 77th minute and defender Kardos in the 79th. Hungary's best players were Sallai, Boda and Kardos.

Tunis — friendly
Tunisia 1 (Henchiri, 30)
Austria 3 (Polster, 44, 66; Ogris, 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 25,000.

Lisbon — Euro chp gp 2
Portugal 0
Italy 1 (Atobelli 40)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 32,500. **Ref:** Vautrot (F).

Portugal: Jesus — Veloso, Dito, Eduardo Luis, Alvaro — Frasco, Nascimento, Quim, Adao (Mario Jorge 30), Jaime — Manuel Fernandes (Coelho 57).

Italy: Zenga — Bergomi, F. Baresi, Ferri, Cabrini — Bagni, Donadoni (De Napoli 82), Dossena (Matteoli 75), Giannini — Altobelli, Vialli.

Italy collected their fourth win in as many group matches to stretch their lead to three points and further improve their chances of reaching next year's finals in West Germany. With only one team to qualify from a five-nation group, Portugal need a miracle to reach the finals following their impressive appearances in France three years ago. All Portugal's attacks foundered on a resilient Italian defence in which Inter's Bergomi and Ferri were especially effective. It was another Inter player who provided the only goal when Altobelli escaped the Portuguese offside trap and the other wise watchful covering of Dito and Eduardo Luis to shoot past Jesus. Another defensive blunder had given Bergomi the chance to find a gap with his cross. Altobelli deserved a goal for he had been unlucky in only the fifth with a header to a Donadoni free kick which struck the bar. At the other end Jaime shot past Zenga but against the post in the 19th minute and veteran skipper Manuel Fernandes had a 'goal' refused for offside six minutes later. Portugal dominated the second half but their failure to pierce the Italian defence only underlined how much they miss the likes of pay rebels such as Futre and Gomes. Portugal might have had a penalty in the 69th minute when Jaime appeared to be tripped going into the penalty box but French referee waved play on. Portugal coach Juca said: "We were unlucky but then, we failed to take our chances. The timing of the Italian goal could not have been worse for us." Italian manager Azeglio Vicini was delighted with his defence because "we had to soak up a lot of pressure but never looked like giving an inch."

OTHER MATCHES

Jan 14: Greece Olympic XI 0, Italy Olm 2 — Farense 1, Bulgaria 3. **Jan 17:** Malta 4, Kickers Offenbach 2 — Sudan 2, Bukgaria Olm. 3. **Jan 18:** Louletano (Por) 0, Bulgaria 5. **Jan 20:** Hungary Olm 4, Vasas Budapest 4 — Hungary 1, Volan 1. **Jan 21:** Portugal U21 0, Spain U21 2 — Farense 0, Bulgaria 0. **Jan 23:** Malaysia 1, Vevey (Swz) 2. **Jan 27:** Roma 0, Sov. Union 1. **Jan 28:** Italy U21 1, E. Germany U21 0 — Panionios 0, Hungary 2 — Greece Olm. 2, Hungary Olm. 1.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1 (Spain, Rumania, Austria, Albania). — **Sept 9** (Ploesti): Rumania 1 (Mikail 34), Austria 0. **Oct 14** (Kapfenberg): Austria 1 (Kostenberger 85), Albania 0. **Nov 12** (Cordoba): Spain 1 (Juarros 85), Rumania 0. **Dec 2** (Berat): Albania 0, Spain 0.

Group 2 (Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy). — **Sept 23** (Norrkoping): Sweden 0, Switzerland 0. **Oct 11** (Lisbon/Tapadinha): Portugal 2 (Mito 35, Rui Barros 47), Sweden 0. **Oct 28** (Entlebuch): Switzerland 3 (Andermatt 10, 17, Stoll 81), Portugal 1 (Rocadas 47). **Nov 19** (Empoli): Italy 1 (Taddei og 42), Switzerland 1 (Stoll 79). **Feb 11** (Lisbon): Portugal 1 (Rui Barros 89), Italy 2 (Maldini 50, Lerda 69).

Group 3 (France, Sov. Union, E. Germany, Norway). — **Sept 23** (Hamar): Norway 0, East Germany 0. **Oct 10** (Le Havre): France 2 (Cantona 18, 87), Sov. Union 1 (Tatarchuk 52). **Oct 28** (Simferopol): Sov. Union 1 (Kolivanov 17), Norway 0. **Nov 18** (Halle): E. Germany 1 (Pilz 58), France 0.

Group 4 (England, Yugoslavia, Turkey). — **Oct 28** (Sibenik): Yugoslavia 3, Turkey 0. **Nov 11** (Peterborough): England 1 (Conner 37), Yugoslavia 1 (Savicevic 29).

Group 5 (Hungary, Poland, Greece, Cyprus): **Oct 14** (Gorzow Wiel): Poland 1 (Ptak 13), Greece 0. **Nov 11** (Corfu): Greece 2 (Georgiades 35, Noplias 86 pen), Hungary 1 (Ketzkes 75). **Dec 2 (Nicosia):** Cyprus 0, Greece 4 (Karasavides 5, 6, 51, Georgiades 9). **Jan 13** (Rhodes): Greece 5 (Vaitsis 20, 85, Kapuranis 22, Nioplias 26, Georgiades 32), Cyprus 1 (Cristodolou 56).

Group 6 (Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Iceland). — **Sept 3** (Kemi): Finland 2 (Vuorela 61, Alatensio 89 pen), Iceland 0. **Sept 25** (Akureyri): Iceland 0, Czechoslavakia 4. **Oct 14** (Olomouc) Czechoslavkia 2 (Mlejnek 38, Nemec 58), Finland 0. **Oct 28** (Slagelse): Denmark 4 (Reese 3, Poulsen 14, Rasmussen 28, Christensen 66), Finland 1 (Vuorela 1). **Nov 11** (Trnava): Czechoslovakia 1 (Mlejnek 39), Denmark 1 (Poulsen 61).

Group 7 (Belgium, Rep. Ireland, Scotland). — **Sept 9** (Lokeren): Belgium 0, Rep. Ireland 0. **Oct 14** (Dundalk): Rep. Ireland 1 (De Mange 79), Scotland 2 (Shannon 56, Gallagher 69).

Group 8 (W. Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Holland). — **Oct 29** (Koblenz): West Germany 2 (Liefeld 48, Reuter 73 pen), Bulgaria 0. **Nov 19** (Sofia): Bulgaria 1 (Stoichov 67), Holland 0. **Dec 3** (Luxembourg): Luxembourg 0, Holland 2 (Krommendijk 74, Van Velzen 85).

ASIA

NEHRU CUP (Kozhikode). **Semi-finals:** Bulgaria Olm. 3, E. Germany Olm. 0 — Sov. Union Olm. 3, Denmark Olm. 0. **Final:** Sov. Union 2 (V. Tishenko 67, A. Mikhailichenko 87), Bulgaria 0.

AFRO-ASIA CUP. FAR (Mor) bt Daewoo Royals (Sk) 2-0 (in Riyadh).

SOUTH AMERICA

Los Angeles (Coliseum) — friendly
Mexico 3 (Hernandez, Galindo, Lira)
El Salvador 0 (Rodriguez)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 34,000. **Ref:** Silvio Di Placido.

Mexico: Pineda — Lugo (Munoz), Quirarte, Zavala, Herrera, Galindo, Romero, Fernadez (Salgado), Hernandez, Lira, Mendizabal (Diaz).

El Salvador: Guevara Mora — Enriquez (Rugamas), Orescana, Rodriguez, Abrego, Salazar (Perlas), Fagoada, Hueso, Lucero, Valdivieso, Perez.

YOUTH INTLS. — **Jan 3:** Paraguay 1, Argentina 1. **Jan 8:** Uruguay 2, Argentina 1. **Jan 9:** Bolivia 3, Paraguay 2. **Jan 11:** Paraguay 2, Bolivia 1. **Jan 14:** Bolivia 0, Argentina 2.

CLUB INTLS. — **Jan 6:** Cruz Azul (Mex) 7, Bayer Uerdingen (WG) 3. **Jan 14:** Boca Juniors 3, Köln (WG) 2. **Jan 20:** River Plate 1, Köln 1. **Jan 21:** Racing (Arg) 1, Nacional (Uru) 1. **Jan 22:** Independiente 1, Köln 2.

1988 OLYMPIC GAMES
(Qualifying tournament)
EUROPE
Preliminary round
Group 1

10. 9.86	Liechtenstein — Switzerland	0-10
23. 9.86	Switzerland — Liechtenstein	9-0

Switzerland 19-0 on agg.

Group 2

12.11.86	Cyprus — Greece	1-2
10.12.86	Greece — Cyprus	2-0

Final round

Group A

18. 4.87	Rumania v W. Germany	
20. 5.87	Rumania v Poland	
10. 6.87	Denmark v Rumania	
3. 9.87	Rumania v Denmark	
13.10.87	W. Germany v Poland	
28.10.87	Poland v Denmark	
18.11.87	Denmark v W Germany	
22. 3.88	W Germany v Denmark	
30. 3.88	Poland v Rumania	
27. 4.88	Poland v W Germany	
18. 5.88	Denmark v Poland	
31. 5.88	Germany v Rumania	

*Cyprus-Greece fixtures still to be arranged

Group B

3.12.86	Holland v E Germany	0-1
18. 2.87	Italy v Portugal	
25. 2.87	Portugal v Holland	
25. 3.87	E Germany v Italy	
15. 4.87	Italy v Iceland	
28. 4.87	Portugal v E. Germany	
26. 5.87	Iceland v Holland	
2. 9.87	Iceland v E Germany	
22. 9.87	E Germany v Holland	
7.10.87	Portugal v Iceland	
18.11.87	Italy v E Germany	
24. 2.88	Portugal v Italy	
9. 3.88	Holland v Italy	
30. 3.88	Holland v Portugal	
12. 4.88	E Germany v Portugal	
13. 4.88	Italy v Holland	
27. 4.88	Holland v Iceland	
30. 4.88	E Germany v Iceland	
24. 5.88	Iceland v Portugal	
29. 5.88	Iceland v Italy	

Group C

19.11.86	Spain v Sweden	1-1
19.11.86	Ireland Rep v Hungary	1-2
4. 2.87	Ireland Rep v Spain	2-2
29. 4.87	France v Hungary	
5. 5.87	Sweden v Ireland Rep	
13. 5.87	Hungary v Spain	
3. 6.87	Hungary v Sweden	
16. 6.87	Sweden v France	
12. 8.87	France v Ireland Rep	
25. 8.87	Ireland Rep v Sweden	
9. 9.87	Sweden v Hungary	
22/23.9.87	Sweden v Spain	
14.10.87	Spain v France	
18.11.87	Ireland Rep v France	
18.11.87	Spain v Hungary	
23. 3.88	France v Spain	
23. 4.88	Hungary v France	
4. 5.88	Hungary v Ireland Rep	
18. 5.88	Spain v Ireland Rep	
26. 5.88	France v Sweden	

Group D

14.10.86	Norway v Sov Union	0-0
8.11.86	Switzerland v Norway	1-0
3.12.86	Turkey v Switzerland	3-2
15. 4.87	Turkey v Sov Union	
16. 4.87	Switzerlandv Bulgaria	
6. 5.87	Norway v Turkey	
7. 5.87	Bulgaria v Sov Union	
26. 5.87	Norway v Bulgaria	
12. 8.87	Sov Union v Norway	
26. 8.87	Norway v Switzerland	
7.10.87	Switzerland v Turkey	
28.10.87	Switzerland v Sov Union	
14.11.87	Bulgaria v Norway	
18.11.87	Turkey v Norway	
9.12.87	Turkey v Bulgaria	
6. 4.88	Sov Union v Turkey	
13. 4.88	Bulgaria v Switzerland	
27. 4.88	Sov Union v Bulgaria	
10. 5.88	Sov Union v Switzerland	
25. 5.88	Bulgaria v Turkey	

Group E

14.10.86	Finland v Belgium	0-2
29.10.86	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	2-0
18.11.86	Belgium v Austria	2-3
14. 4.87	Austria v Czechoslovakia	
12. 5.87	Finland v Austria	
3. 6.87	Austria v Yugoslavia	
10. 6.87	Finland v Czechoslovakia	
26. 8.87	Yugoslavia v Austria	
2. 9.87	Yugoslavia v Finland	
23. 9.87	Czechoslovakia v Finland	
23. 9.87	Belgium v Yugoslavia	
7.10.87	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	
28.10.87	Belgium v Finland	
28.10.87	Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia	
11.11.87	Austria v Belgium	
2.12.87	Yugoslavia v Belgium	
12. 4.88	Czechoslovakia v Austria	
27. 4.88	Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia	
18. 5.88	Finland v Yugoslavia	
31. 5.88	Austria v Finland	

SOUTH AMERICA

Tournament in Bolivia to decide two S. American qualifiers for the finals. Entries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Peru.

CENTRAL/NORTH AMERICA
Preliminary round
Group A

25. 1.87	Bahamas v Guyana
22. 2.87	Guyana v Bahamas (A/B)
19. 4.87	Antigua v Dominican Repuplic
3. 5.87	Dominican Republic v Antigua (C/D)
10. 5.87	Trinidad/Tobago v Surinam
17. 5.87	Surinam v Trinidad/Tobago (E/F)
22. 3.87	Barbados v Jamaica
5. 4.87	Jamaica v Barbados (C/H)

Second round
Winners A/B v C/D
C/D v A/B
Winners E/F v G/H
G/H v E/F
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group B
First round

23. 5.87	Canada v USA
30. 5.87	USA v Canada
4. 4.87	Bermuda v Mexico
24. 5.87	Mexico v Bermuda

Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group C
First round

19. 4.87	Panama v El Salvador
17. 5.87	El Salvador v Panama
17. 5.87	Honduras v Guatemala
31. 5.87	Guatemala v Honduras

Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Final round
Between winners of Groups A, B and C. The winners and runners-up go to Seoul.

ASIA

West Asia
Group 1 (Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia)

6. 4.87	Bahrain v Oman
10. 4.87	Saudi Arabia v Oman
14. 4.87	Saudi Arabia v Bahrain
18. 4.87	Oman v Bahrain
22. 4.87	Oman v Saudi Arabia
27. 4.87	Bahrain v Saudi Arabia

Group 2 (Iraq, Jordan, United Arab Emirates)
Dates and venues not yet known

Group 3 (Qatar, Syria, N. Yemen)

20. 2.87	N. Yemen v Syria
6. 3.87	Syria v Qatar
13. 3.87	Qatar v N. Yemen
15. 4.87	N. Yemen v Qatar
24. 4.87	Qatar v Syria
26. 6.87	Syria v N. Yemen

Group 4 (Iran, Kuwait)

27. 2.87	Iran v Kuwait
7. 3.87	Kuwait v Iran

East Asia
Group 1 (India, Nepal, Pakistan)
(Tournament in Katmandu, Nepal)

18. 4.87	Nepal v India
20. 4.87	India v Pakistan
22. 4.87	Pakistan v Nepal
24. 4.87	India v Nepal
26. 4.87	Pakistan v India
28. 4.87	Nepal v Pakistan

Group 2 (N. Korea, Thailand, Malaysia)
(Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

14. 3.87	Malaysia v Thailand
16. 3.87	Thailand v N Korea
18. 3.87	N Korea v Malaysia
21. 3.87	Malaysia v N Korea
23. 3.87	N Korea v Thailand
25. 3.87	Thailand v Malaysia

Group 3 (Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore)

21. 3.87	Singapore v Brunei
29. 3.87	Brunei v Singapore
4. 4.87	Singapore v Indonesia
8. 4.87	Japan v Indonesia
12. 4.87	Japan v Singapore
17. 4.87	Brunei v Indonesia
24. 4.87	Japan v Brunei
26. 4.87	Indonesia v Singapore
14. 6.87	Singapore v Japan
21. 6.87	Brunei v Japan
26. 6.87	Indonesia v Japan
30. 6.87	Indonesia v Brunei

Group 4 (China, Hong Kong, Philippines)

22. 3.87	Philippines v Hong Kong
5. 4.87	Hong Kong v Philippines
11. 4.87	China v Philippines
19. 4.87	Hong Kong v China
25. 4.87	Philipines v China
10. 5.87	China v Hong Kong

Final round

West Asia group: Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.

East Asia group: Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.

Note: Iraq and Iran cannot play home matches on their own territory.

OCEANIA/ISRAEL
Preliminary round

Group 1: Australia, Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, **Group 2:** Fiji, New Zealand, W. Samoa. League systems: Home-away matches to decide group winners. Runners-up play home-away to decide third qualifier for final round.

Final round
Winners of Group 1, of Group 2 plus runners-up as well as Israel. Play-off group organised in one country. Winners qualify for Seoul.

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AFRICA

Preliminary round

16.11.86	Rwanda v Malawi	2-5
30.11.86	Malawi v Rwanda	3-0

Malawi 8-2 on aggregate
Swaziland w/o v Mauritius
Botswana w/o v Madagascar

First round

Egypt v Kenya
Kenya v Egypt (7/8)
S. Leone v Tunisia
Tunisia v S. Leone (9/10)
Malawi v Cameroon
Cameroon v Malawi (11/12)
Ghana v Senegal
Senegal v Ghana (13/14)
Gambia v Morocco
Morocco v Gambia (15/16)
Guinea v Iv. Coast
Iv. Coast v Guinea (17/18)
Sudan v Algeria
Algeria v Sudan (19/20)
Ethiopia v Libya
Libya v Ethiopia (21/22)
Botswana v Zambia
Zambia v Botswana (23/24)
Uganda v Mozambique
Mozambique v Zambia (25/26)
Liberia v Nigeria
Nigeria v Liberia (27/28)
Swaziland v Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe v Swaziland (29/30)

Second round

Home-away ties between winners of first round pairings.

Third round

Integral home-away draw between the six qualified teams. Three teams qualify for Seoul.

ALGERIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MP Algiers	11	5	5	1	15	9	15
Bordj Menaiel	11	5	4	2	11	5	14
Setif	11	5	4	2	9	4	14
Jet	11	5	3	3	16	6	13
Belcourt	11	5	3	3	15	10	13
Asc Orano	11	4	5	2	8	6	13
Collo	11	6	1	4	11	11	13
Ain M'Lila	11	4	4	3	15	11	12
MP Orano	11	4	4	3	13	12	12
Relizane	11	3	5	3	14	11	11
Saida	10	3	5	2	5	8	10
Tlemcan	11	2	6	3	5	9	10
Mascara	9	2	5	4	11	12	9
El Harrach	9	2	5	4	10	11	9
Ain Belda	11	2	5	4	7	11	9
Guelma	11	2	5	4	6	12	9
Chlef	11	2	5	4	6	15	9
Annaba	11	3	2	6	7	10	8
Boufarik	11	2	4	5	9	14	8
Costantine	10	1	5	4	5	12	7

MOROCCO

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAR Rabat	18	12	5	1	37	10	47
WAC Casablanca	18	9	5	4	32	12	41
KAC Marrakech	18	9	5	4	20	11	41
OC Khouribga	18	8	6	4	21	16	40
MC Oujda	18	7	6	5	22	22	38
Sidi Kacem	18	9	2	7	21	25	38
Benslimane	18	7	4	7	21	19	36
COD Meknes	18	5	6	7	21	21	34
SA Sale	18	5	6	7	11	17	34
Mohammedia	18	3	7	8	14	21	31
El Ayoune	18	2	6	10	16	36	28
RS Kemitra	18	1	4	13	13	37	24

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
H. Agadir	17	8	8	1	19	10	41
KAC Kenitra	18	8	7	3	21	12	41
FUS Rabat	18	8	6	4	17	11	40
RS Settat	18	5	11	2	19	14	39
Raja Casablanca	18	7	6	5	19	15	38
Hilal Nador	18	5	8	5	12	14	36
Touarga Rabat	18	6	5	7	18	21	35
Berkane	18	4	9	5	20	21	35
US Mohammedia	18	5	7	6	18	21	35
MAS Fes	18	4	9	5	15	15	33
El Jadida	17	1	9	7	6	12	28
Belksiri	18	1	9	10	12	24	27

DENMARK (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aarhus GF	26	17	7	2	49	22	41
Brondby IF	26	18	1	7	52	30	37
Naestved IF	26	13	9	4	43	23	35
Lyngby BK	26	12	8	6	40	29	32
B 1903 Kopenhagen	26	10	9	7	40	33	29
Ikast FS	26	11	6	9	42	36	28
Veyle BK	26	9	9	8	37	36	27
Odense BK	26	10	6	10	38	32	26
Bronshoj BK	26	10	5	11	54	42	25
KB Kopenhagen	26	9	6	11	33	43	24
Herfolge BK	26	8	6	12	30	44	22
Kastrup BK	26	4	6	16	19	39	14
Esbjerg	26	3	7	16	19	50	13
Randers Freja	26	4	3	19	23	60	11

FINLAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuusysi Lathi	22	13	6	3	40	20	32
Turku PS	22	12	6	4	35	15	30
HJK Helsinki	22	10	10	2	42	23	30
Rovanieman PS	22	12	6	4	32	14	30
Haka Valkealosken	22	8	6	8	32	27	22
Ilves Kissat Tampere	22	9	4	9	39	36	22
Mikkeli MP	22	6	6	10	27	37	18
Pori PT	22	5	8	9	27	40	18
Koparit Kuopio	22	4	10	8	18	32	18
Kuopio PS	22	7	4	11	23	38	18
Kemin PS	22	4	7	11	23	31	15
Oulo TP	22	4	3	15	16	41	11

ICELAND (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fram Reykjavik	18	11	5	2	39	13	38
Valur Reykjavik	18	12	2	4	31	11	38
IA Akranes	18	9	3	6	33	22	30
KR Reykjavik	18	7	8	3	21	10	29
IB Keflavik	18	9	1	8	23	27	28
Thor Akureyri	18	6	4	8	21	31	22
Vidhir	18	5	4	9	21	26	19
HF Hafnafjordur	18	5	4	9	24	36	19
UBK Breidablik	18	4	4	10	18	35	16
IB Vestmannaeyer	18	3	3	12	20	40	12

NORWAY (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lillestrom SK	22	16	1	5	40	17	33
Mjondalen IF	22	11	5	6	36	25	27
Kongsvinger IL	22	11	5	6	27	27	27
Start Kristiansand	22	9	6	7	31	22	24
Hamarkameratene	22	8	8	6	34	30	24
Bryne IL	22	11	1	10	32	31	23
Valerengen Oslo	22	9	4	9	29	28	22
Rosenborg Trondheim	22	8	5	9	28	28	21
Molde FK	22	7	6	9	26	33	20
Tromso	22	6	6	10	23	32	18
Viking Stravanger	22	5	7	10	23	33	17
Strommen IF	22	2	4	16	23	46	8

Relegation/promotion table

Tromso	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Vidar	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Drodak/Frogn	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

SWEDEN (Final)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NMalmo FF	22	16	5	1	49	11	37
IFK Goteborg	22	13	5	4	44	17	31
AIK Stockholm	22	9	7	6	29	21	25
IFK Norrkoping	22	9	3	10	30	30	21
Halmstad BK	22	8	5	9	25	32	21
Hammarby IF	22	8	4	10	31	38	20
Osters Vaxjo	22	6	8	8	20	28	20
Brage IF	22	8	4	10	19	27	20
Orgryte IS	22	7	5	10	33	35	19
Elfsborg IF	22	5	8	9	19	26	18
Kalmar FF	22	5	7	10	22	36	17
Djurgaarden IF	22	7	1	14	23	43	15

Play-offs — Malmo beat Norrkoping 2-2, 0-0 — AIK beat IFK 0-0, 1-1. Final: Malmo beat AIK 0-1, 5-2.

NORTHERN IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coleraine	24	15	5	4	54	22	35
Linfield	24	16	3	5	45	14	35
Ards	24	12	6	6	50	30	30
Glentoran	24	12	6	6	47	28	30
Larne	24	10	8	6	35	22	28
Newry	24	11	66	77	39	34	28
Ballymena	23	10	7	7	35	37	25
Glenavon	24	8	8	8	31	24	24
Cliftonville	24	8	8	8	32	26	24
Crusaders	23	8	4	11	33	45	20
Portadown	24	3	11	9	22	33	17
Carrick	24	6	4	14	26	40	16
Bangor	24	7	1	16	25	40	15
Distillery	24	2	3	19	17	62	7

REP. IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shamrock Rovers	16	12	4	0	34	9	28
Waterford	16	10	3	3	31	18	23
Dundalk	16	8	5	3	32	16	21
Bohemians	16	6	7	3	21	17	19
St Patrick	16	5	6	4	15	14	16
Bray	16	6	3	7	21	22	15
Galway	16	5	4	7	17	18	14
Cork City	16	5	3	8	22	25	13
Home Farm	16	5	1	10	17	35	11
Sligo	16	4	3	9	19	31	11
Limerick	16	4	2	9	17	27	10
Athlone	16	2	5	9	15	27	9

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glasgow Celtic	32	21	7	4	67	25	49
Glasgow Rangers	31	21	5	5	60	16	47
Dundee United	30	19	6	5	51	24	44
Aberdeen	31	16	11	4	47	20	43
Hearts	31	16	8	7	51	31	40
Dundee	29	11	6	12	41	38	28
Saint Mirren	31	9	9	13	27	36	27
Motherwell	31	7	9	15	32	48	23
Hibernian	32	7	8	17	26	52	22
Falkirk	30	6	6	18	25	71	18
Clydebank	32	5	7	20	25	70	17
Hamilton	30	3	6	21	25	66	12

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	26	15	7	4	41	15	52
Everton	26	15	5	6	49	21	50
Liverpool	26	14	6	6	45	24	48
Nottingham F	26	13	6	7	28	23	45
Luton	25	12	6	7	47	32	42
Tottenham	25	12	5	8	41	29	41
Norwich	25	10	10	5	35	35	40
Coventry	25	10	7	8	27	27	37
West Ham	25	10	7	8	40	42	37
Watford	25	10	6	9	43	32	36
Wimbledon	25	11	3	11	33	32	36
Sheffield W	26	8	10	8	39	41	34
Manchester Utd	25	8	8	9	33	26	32
Queens Park R	25	8	6	11	26	32	30
Oxford	25	7	8	10	29	41	29
Manchester City	26	6	9	11	24	35	27
Chelsea	25	6	8	11	30	45	26
Southampton	24	7	4	13	38	48	25
Charlton	26	6	7	13	26	37	25
Leicester	25	6	6	13	31	44	24
Aston Villa	25	6	6	13	30	53	24
Newcastle	25	5	6	14	25	44	21

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	27	15	11	1	40	13	41
Real Madrid	27	14	9	4	48	24	37
Espanol	27	13	8	6	42	25	34
Athletic Bilbao	27	10	9	8	34	29	29
Mallorca	27	11	7	9	35	32	29
Real Sociedad	27	10	7	10	33	29	27
Atletico Madrid	27	9	9	9	29	30	27
Betis	27	10	7	10	27	35	27
Sevilla	27	9	8	10	33	27	26
Gijon	27	9	8	10	33	32	26
Valladolid	27	8	9	10	25	26	25
Zaragoza	27	8	9	10	23	27	25
Murcia	27	9	6	12	25	37	24
Cadiz	27	8	7	12	18	28	23
Santander	27	7	8	12	26	39	22
Osasuna	27	6	10	11	18	28	22
Las Palmas	27	8	5	14	34	44	21
Sabadell	27	6	9	12	25	43	21

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	20	14	5	1	53	13	33
FC Mechelen	20	13	5	2	32	9	31
Beveren	20	10	10	0	30	11	30
Brugge	19	11	5	3	40	20	27
Lokeren	20	10	7	3	30	22	27
FC Liege	18	10	4	4	27	15	24
Charleroi	19	9	3	7	24	26	21
Standard Liege	20	7	6	7	26	18	20
Waregem	20	8	3	9	27	30	19
Racing Jet	20	6	6	8	22	29	18
Beerschot	20	5	8	7	17	24	18
Cercle Bruges	20	5	6	9	24	23	16
AA Gent	20	5	4	11	16	33	14
FC Antwerp	20	4	6	10	24	33	14
FC Seraing	20	4	5	11	22	35	13
RWDM	20	4	5	11	20	35	13
FC Kortrijk	20	3	4	13	19	34	10
Berchem	20	2	4	14	8	51	8

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	17	12	3	2	34	15	27
PAOK	17	10	5	2	30	13	25
OFI	17	11	2	4	28	14	24
Panathinaikos	17	8	6	3	20	12	22
Heraklis	17	8	2	7	20	21	18
Larissa	17	8	2	7	14	15	18
Panionios	17	4	8	5	15	14	16
AEK*	17	6	6	5	24	16	15
Aris	17	6	3	8	18	18	15
Diagoras	17	5	4	8	20	21	14
Kalamaria	17	5	4	8	11	24	14
Veria	17	5	4	8	15	26	14
Yannina	17	4	5	8	14	19	13
Ethnikos	17	4	4	9	15	25	12
Doxa	17	3	5	9	17	22	11
Apollon	17	3	5	9	11	26	11

*AEK penalised 3 points.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napoli	18	11	6	1	31	11	28
Inter	18	10	6	2	24	8	26
Juventus	18	9	6	3	26	15	24
Milan	18	9	5	4	18	9	23
Roma	18	9	5	4	27	14	23
Verona	18	7	6	5	19	17	20
Sampdoria	18	7	4	7	19	15	18
Torino	18	7	4	7	20	20	18
Como	18	3	11	4	9	9	17
Florentina	18	6	3	9	18	22	15
Avellino	18	3	8	7	13	26	14
Empoli	18	6	2	10	8	24	14
Atalante	18	4	4	10	13	21	12
Brescia	18	3	5	10	12	20	11
Ascoli	18	3	5	10	7	23	11
Udinese*	18	3	8	7	12	22	5

*Udinese penalised 9 points.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	20	16	2	2	56	17	34
PSV Eindhoven	19	15	3	1	57	12	33
Feyenoord Rotterdam	19	8	7	4	35	27	23
FC Den Bosch	19	8	6	5	26	22	22
Roda JC	18	8	5	5	26	25	21
Sparta	19	7	6	6	35	27	20
FC Twente Enschede	19	6	8	5	22	24	20
VVV	20	6	8	6	24	29	20
FC Groningen	19	5	7	7	32	29	17
Utrecht	19	6	5	8	28	33	17
PEC/Zwolle	18	5	6	7	35	31	16
FC Den Haag	18	4	7	7	23	31	15
GA Eagles Deventer	18	5	5	8	15	25	15
Fortuna Sittard	19	4	7	8	24	33	15
SC Veendam	18	2	10	6	18	25	14
Haarlem	19	5	4	10	14	35	14
AZ Alkmaar	19	3	6	10	14	30	12
Excelsior Rotterdam	18	3	4	11	15	44	10

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	19	14	4	1	37	18	32
Porto	19	12	6	1	48	16	30
Guimaraes	19	12	6	1	35	13	30
Sporting	19	9	5	5	30	17	23
Varzim	19	7	7	5	14	13	21
Belenenses	19	9	3	7	31	19	21
Chaves	19	8	4	7	23	26	20
Boavista	19	5	7	7	21	22	17
Academica	19	5	7	7	17	23	17
Salgueiros	19	4	7	8	15	27	15
Rio Ave	19	4	7	8	20	28	15
Portiomonense	19	6	6	9	16	33	15
Braga	19	6	2	11	17	22	14
Maritimo	19	4	5	10	16	29	13
Farense	19	3	5	11	19	34	11
Elvas	19	2	6	11	12	31	10

CYPRUS Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Omonia	13	12	0	1	36	8	24
Apoel	13	9	4	0	26	3	22
AEL	13	7	4	2	25	9	18
EPA	13	8	2	3	19	9	18
Paralimni	13	6	3	4	24	23	15
Apollon	13	5	4	4	18	16	14
Apop	13	4	5	4	17	15	13
Anortosi	13	4	5	4	16	14	13
Olympiakos	13	3	7	3	16	16	13
Aris	13	5	3	5	17	19	13
Salamina	13	4	4	5	21	25	12
Alki	13	3	4	6	13	20	10
Pezoporikos	13	1	7	5	6	10	9
Ethnikos	13	2	4	7	13	23	8
Aradipu	13	0	3	10	7	26	3
Ermis	13	0	3	10	8	46	3

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	25	15	6	4	33	16	51
Derby	24	14	4	6	37	22	46
Oldham	25	13	6	6	40	27	45
Ipswich	25	11	8	6	42	28	41
Plymouth	25	11	8	6	41	33	41
Stoke	25	11	5	9	38	26	38
Crystal Palace	25	12	1	12	34	39	37
Milwall	25	10	6	9	30	27	36
Leeds	25	10	6	9	30	31	36
West Bromwich A	25	9	7	9	32	27	34
Birmingham	25	8	10	7	33	32	34
Grimsby	26	7	12	7	26	29	33
Shrewsbury	25	10	3	12	23	31	33
Sheffield Utd	25	8	8	9	33	35	32
Sunderland	24	7	9	8	28	30	30
Brighton	25	7	7	11	25	30	28
Reading	24	7	6	11	33	39	27
Hull	24	7	5	12	25	45	26
Blackburn	24	6	7	11	21	29	25
Barnsley	24	5	8	11	23	31	23
Bradford	24	6	5	13	35	44	23
Huddersfield	23	6	5	12	28	39	23

PERU

Group A (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alianza Lima (x)	10	6	2	3	25	6	14
Univ. Tecnica Cajomarca (x)	10	5	2	3	14	14	13
Universitario	10	5	2	3	14	11	12
Juventud La Palma	10	4	1	5	9	15	9
Asoc. Dep. Tarma	10	3	2	5	8	14	8
Coronel Bolognesi	10	2	1	7	6	16	5
Group B							
Dep. Municipal (x)	10	5	3	2	18	9	13
San Agustin (x)	10	4	5	1	11	4	13
Melgar	9	3	3	3	13	7	9
Hungaritos	8	3	1	4	7	14	7
Union Minas	9	2	2	5	6	11	6
Defensor Anda	8	1	4	3	4	14	6
Group C							
Sporting Cristal	9	4	3	2	11	6	11
Sport Boys	9	3	5	1	12	10	11
Atletico Grau	9	3	3	3	13	11	9
Octovio Espinoza	9	2	4	3	16	12	8
Deportivo Pucallpa	9	3	2	4	12	18	8
Cianciano	9	3	1	5	10	17	7

*Top two of each group qualify for final round round — clubs marked (x) already qualified.

CHILE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colo Colo	32	18	9	5	47	22	45
Palestino	32	16	12	4	60	41	44
Cobreloa	32	15	12	5	50	32	42
Cobresal	32	12	13	7	50	35	37
Huachipato	32	14	9	9	46	36	37
Naval	32	11	14	7	40	34	36
Universidad Catolica	32	14	7	11	52	38	35
Deportes Conceptión	32	10	14	8	40	43	34
Universidad de Chile	32	14	6	12	40	38	34
Union Española	32	9	12	11	44	45	30
Fernandez Vial	32	7	16	9	33	34	30
San Luis	32	7	15	10	38	42	29
Deportes Iquique	32	7	14	11	32	43	28
Union San Felipe	32	8	12	12	35	46	28
Everton	32	6	15	11	32	37	27
Rangers	32	6	15	11	32	41	27
Audax Italiano	32	4	9	19	27	69	17
Magallanes	32	5	6	21	35	64	16

COLOMBIA (Final)

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
America Cali	14	9	3	2	1	22
Deportivo Cali	14	10	0	4	0.25	20.25
Millionarias Bogotá	14	7	2	5	1.50	17.50
Junior Barranquilla	14	6	3	5	1	16
Independiente Medellin	14	3	5	6	1.25	12.25
Nacional Medellin	14	3	4	7	0	10
Quindio	14	3	4	7	0	10
Caldas	14	3	3	8	0	9

*BP — Bonus points obtained for finishing in leading positions of first two stages of championship.

ECUADOR: First Division final round (final standings) After 6 games — 1) Nacional 10 pts; 2) Barcelona 7; 3) Tecnico Universitario (Ambato) 6; 4) Deportivo Cuenca 3.

URUGUAY (Final)

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